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The Voice of the Haliburton Highlands - Locally Owned and Operated

Colourfest leaves organizers tickled pink



By: Laura Redman - Reporter

Colourfest blasted into Haliburton village last Saturday, and Jerelyn Craden, event coordinator and promoter said so far, the feedback has been, "Fabulous. There were lineups outside of restaurants, the stores were packed, there were lots of people taking pictures and the volunteers were all happy," Craden said. "I heard that people were also very happy with the pancake breakfast over at the United Church."

Craden said they had the map up and people put pins on their cities or towns and people had come from all across Ontario - mostly from the GTA - but also from the Kitchener and St. Mary's area - and from as far away as Nova Scotia and Australia.

"The kids loved the 'colour splash' and the 'word splash'," Craden said. "All the entertainment was just great, and the buskers were all wonderful - Mark and Gustavo were very popular."

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Gustavo Alexis Rojas and Mark Arike busk all day on Highland Street during Saturdays Colourfest

Slate candidates cry foul

Minden doctor jumps into the political fray

By: Liz Danielsen - Reporter

Minden Hills Dr. Bennet Wu has sent out a letter to hundreds of his patients this week in which he suggests that financial support for his clinic could be jeopardized if certain candidates are not elected, and urges his patient to get out and vote.

Wu urges his patients to vote for incumbents Reeve Jim McMahon and Councillor Lisa Schell, along with Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch who has been acclaimed. In his letter Wu goes so far as to suggest that the clinic itself could close without the continued support of these three individuals.

He wrote, "I feel very strongly that it will be under Reeve Jim McMahon's support and caring dedication, along with the support of Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Lisa Schell that this clinic will remain open."

Wu failed to acknowledge that the support he sought in the past was voted on unanimously and readily by the entire Council of the day, including McMahon's opponent in the race, Councillor Barbara Reid.

The County Voice contacted Dr. Wu to ask him what had given him the impression that his clinic was in jeopardy. Wu attributed his concerns to the comments of a patient (who Wu said he be-

lieved had some past experience with municipal politics) that had visited him and voiced concerns about the Vision 2010 team or 'slate of candidates.'

Although he seemed completely unaware that Reid had actually been part of the Council that had supported him in the past, Wu said, "I was worried that a new reeve, not familiar with the area and coming from the city, would fail to understand that in a

small town sometimes they need incentive to keep doctors."

When it was suggested that he had used some fairly strong words that would no doubt influence and even raise unnecessary concerns with his patients, Wu, who is well respected by the community, admitted to having acted hastily without thinking things through.

"In hindsight, I may have overreacted."
 Dr. Bennet Wu

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Ballot fiasco in Algonquin Highlands

By: Jerry Grozelle - Reporter

Algonquin Highlands ballots were mailed out with a single typo that could have some serious implications for the coming October 25 municipal election in the township. The instructions for Ward 2 tell voters to vote for one of the three candidates when it should have instructed them to vote for two of the three.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison confirmed that a mistake has been made. "It says one to be elected and it should be two in Ward 2, in what I call the Stanhope Ward," she said. "We called Municipal Affairs and we put it in the hands of a lawyer on Friday. They

talked back and forth with the CAO [Juanita Dempster-Evans] with some ideas. They were supposed to get back to us, I thought today [Monday], with a firm decision but as of 4:30 we've heard nothing from the lawyer today. I'm not certain exactly how we are going to deal with it to be honest.

Everyone at the township office feels very badly about the mistake, but Harrison put it in perspective when she said: "Nobody's going to die from this. Whatever we have to do will get done. If there has to be a by-election or whatever, if it takes longer the municipality will live through this. It's not a life and death situa-

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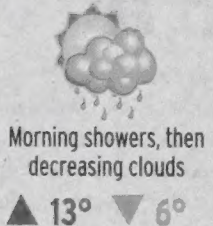
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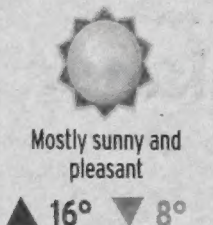
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Antigua	30/26/ts	29/25/ts	30/24/sh	Nassau	30/24/sh	29/23/sh
Barbados	31/26/ts	31/26/sh	30/25/sh	Port au Prince	34/27/ts	34/27/ts
Bermuda	28/22/sh	29/23/pc	25/22/sh	Puerto Vallarta	34/23/ts	33/23/ts
Cancun	28/19/pc	29/20/pc	28/19/pc	St Thomas	31/27/ts	31/28/ts
Curacao	30/26/ts	31/27/sh	31/27/sh	St Maarten	31/27/ts	29/25/ts
Freeport	28/22/sh	29/23/pc	29/23/pc	San Jose, CR	27/16/ts	27/16/ts
Georgetown	34/22/ts	33/23/ts	33/23/ts	San Juan	29/26/ts	30/25/ts
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Friday 10/1	14°C	0°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 9/30	16°C	11°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 9/29	16°C	10°C	0.0 mm
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Sat. 7:22 a.m./6:40 p.m.	9:52 a.m./7:23 p.m.
Sun. 7:23 a.m./6:38 p.m.	11:07 a.m./8:07 p.m.
Mon. 7:25 a.m./6:36 p.m.	12:15 p.m./8:58 p.m.
Tues. 7:26 a.m./6:34 p.m.	1:12 p.m./9:55 p.m.
Wed. 7:27 a.m./6:33 p.m.	1:59 p.m./10:57 p.m.

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To accommodate the Thanksgiving Holiday and allow our staff to enjoy the weekend with their families, there will be an early advertising and editorial deadline for the October 14 edition of The Voice. All material, display and classified advertising and editorial submissions for the next edition of the newspaper, should be submitted by Friday, October 8 at 5 p.m. Please note: The Voice business office will be closed on Monday, October 11 and open regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Tuesday, October 12. We hope you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend.

Doctor Wu writes patients on candidates behalf

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"In hindsight, I may have panicked a bit and I apologize for that. It was fear of the unknown," he said. "I was aware that there are people seeking election that have recently moved to the area who used to be cottagers and I believed that their focus would be on the outlying areas and cottage country."

According to Wu and his wife who also contacted the Voice, their concerns were compounded by comments being made during the election about ongoing efforts to recruit new doctors to the area. He said that he had even looked at alternatives in case the new council decided there would be no subsidies for the clinic.

Somewhat taken aback that his letter could be perceived as undue influence on his patients, Wu said that his patients came first at all times and in no way had he wished to alarm them.

Reid however, saw the fact that Wu had been influenced in this way as an unconscionable act and an attempt by unknown persons to manipulate the outcome of the election by alarming patients with the very thought of losing their doctor or with the suggestion that anyone on Council

had been less than supportive of the medical clinic.

Reid said the Council had always been unanimous in their support of Dr. Wu's efforts. "There has never been a conversation by Council in either open or closed session to suggest that there was any possibility of a reduction in services or a clinic closure. This is false and the letter is without basis in fact and misleading to Dr. Wu's patients."

"This is politics at its worst."

Reeve McMahon told the Voice he had no comment at this time.

The Voice also contacted both Deputy Reeve Murdoch and Councilor Schell for comments: Murdoch said she was completely unaware of the letter or its contents. Schell said she had indeed heard about the letter, but had no real knowledge of its contents. Although the Voice read the letter them, neither Murdoch nor Schell felt informed enough to comment further. But both agreed that council has been unanimous in their support of Dr. Wu's clinic. □

Colourfest cont'd



Dancers and Donkeys and Kids add up to a great Colourfest

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Craden said the weather predictions were a bit iffy leading up to the event, but, "In the end, the weather Gods were very good to us. I was very relieved."

Craden said she was also delighted with the successful bus ride tours to Skyline Park. "That worked out very well."

She said the number of last minute donations

by local business owners made the event feel like "one big community hug."

"I'm really happy. I think it was good all around," Craden said. "More people were drawn up here and by all accounts, they all had a good time."

When asked if the event will become an annual one, Craden said stay tuned, the event committee has yet to decide. □

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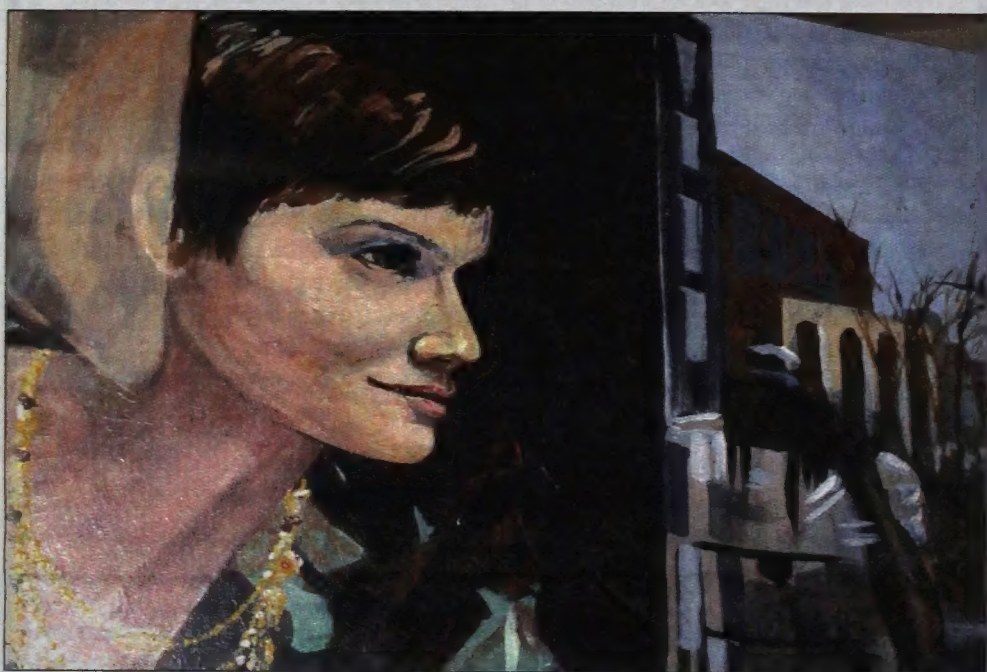
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Charles O'Neil peers through one of his beautiful wire sculptures



■ By: Lyn Winans - Photojournalist

When arriving at the Bent Offerings Studio driveway and parking area the first thing you notice are the large creatures scattered amidst the surrounding trees.

Charles O'Neil's latest back yard offering, Running Hares, communicates such a feeling of motion that you wonder if the wire sculpted rabbits will still be there when you return from indoors. Artist and sculptor, Charles O'Neil attended high school in Haliburton, and has close ties to the Haliburton School of the Arts where he has been a faculty member since 1997. As solid as his ties to Haliburton County are, they have not prevented O'Neil from establishing a reputation Canada-wide and internationally.

O'Neil paints and draws with acrylic, watercolour, graphite and pen and ink, but over the last decade his growing interest and talent in wire sculpting has resulted in exhibits at Toronto International Airport, Mount Sinai Hospital and The Haliburton Sculpture Forest. He has work highlighted in the corporate collections of The Parodies Shops - Atlanta, Georgia, Stuart Wietzman Shoes - New York, New York, Toyota Canada - Toronto, Ontario and The Arts Council in Haliburton in addition to many private collections.

Bent Offerings Studio is located at 1054 Elk Drive, (formerly Sir Sam's Drive) 15 minutes from Haliburton Village in Eagle Lake. The studio will be open again next weekend during the studio tour and is open year round by appointment. (705) 754-1090. ■



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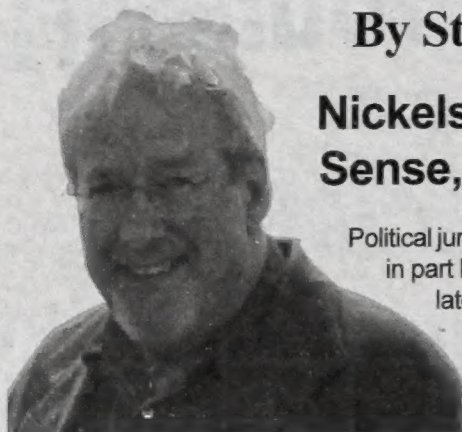


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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Nickels, Dimes, Common Sense, and Mr. McGuinty



Political junkies like myself tend to flock together, in part because their insatiable desire for the latest poll, rumour, or trend (which so-called data is often comprehensible only to each other) causes them to be regularly shunned by their more balanced and thoughtful family and friends. Occasionally this social li-

ability drives these junkies, the pathetic pundits of Parliament Hill, Queens Park, and myriad town halls across Ontario, into a kind of social paranoia that results in behaviour somewhat akin to chickadees mobbing an owl – and often about as effective.

Nevertheless, it's my duty to report that the punditi antennae are beginning to track a change in Ontario's political winds which could conceivably have a considerable effect on the October 25th municipal elections. Just a few months ago conventional junkie wisdom regarded the profane Toronto mayoralty candidate Rob Ford almost a joke compared to the sacred George Smitherman or Joe Pantalone. Just as in this provincial riding the well-liked Liberal MLA Rick Johnson, recently promoted to Parliamentary Secretary and omnipresent across the riding, seemed to be this generation's version of Liberal John Eakins, who ruled here for 15 years. Laurie Scott? So yesterday.

But we all know how swiftly the wind can change in the political swamplands: said candidate Ford has tapped in to a deep anger with how Toronto's municipal affairs have been run over the past couple of decades. His solutions may appear simplistic, but his appeal is astonishingly widespread. Our happy Premier Dalton McGuinty is reportedly deeply nervous about this spending backlash: as hydro rates appear to soar, and the winter fuel bills are slapped with the HST, and the price of auto gas is at its highest point in two years, voters want to find someone to blame, and fast. When the Bank of Canada governor suggests that our personal and public indebtedness is at alarming levels, with no easy way out, ordinary wage earners with a mortgage deserve to get a case of the yips.

Talking recently to some of my co-religionists (political junkies, that is) most of us agree that, firstly, Rick Johnson does not have a lock on this riding, and that Laurie Scott might just yet regain her former crown; and that federally it would take 1000 long-census and gun registry controversies to dislodge our federal MP Barry Devolin.

And even closer to home, what effect will this perceived economic and ideological chill have on our municipal races? The best bet is that voters will take a flinty-eyed look at all the candidates to see, one, if they can add, and two, if they take seriously enough what may be some rough-edged changes in our economy, and the wit to control it, or at best to take advantage of those changes.

Oh, those smart alecky headlines!

Last week my headline and editorial re Minden's Slate candidates drew the ire of Reeve candidate Barb Reid who felt I was being unfair both by innuendo and in fact to her and fellow slaters. Well, I certainly didn't mean to imply that the Slate candidates were in any way trying to put one over on anyone: I was simply trying to point out some of the political dangers of running a slate. But I accept Ms. Reid's point, and emphasize that I don't in any way see the slate as undemocratic, or with any nefarious agenda. As Ms. Reid points out, you could easily argue there's another slate running in Minden Hills, although there's no formal acknowledgement of it.

On a happier note, personally, this editor is taking a few weeks off, but will return in time to savour the municipal elections in just a few weeks time. ■

Letter of the Week

"I refute again the arguments which have been put forward to justify a second runway."

Dear Editor:

I am in favour of the rehabilitation of the existing airport. I am vehemently opposed to the proposed second runway. I refute again the arguments which have been put forward to justify a second runway.

I have been told, in writing, that ORNGE (medical evacuation) does not need a second runway at Stanhope. Critical care patients are airlifted by helicopter to the helipad at the appropriate hospital.

I have been told, in writing, that the MNR does not need a second runway at Stanhope for firefighting.

I have been told by staff at the Bracebridge airport that they have been waiting for 35 years for an industrial park to be developed at that airport, which is located on a major highway (Hwy 11) and 80 kilometres closer to Toronto than Stanhope.

The council of Algonquin Highlands paid the Middleton family \$200,000. when they expropriated their 100 acres of land. On appeal, the Ontario Municipal Board awarded the Middleton family an additional \$765,000. Council paid an additional \$112,000 for consulting and legal fees for their part in the OMB hearings. So the total obligation for the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands for the Middleton expropriation is \$1,077,000. (These figures are from the township's web page)

I remind you that the townships of Minden Hills, Dysart, and Highlands East, and the Council of Haliburton County all passed motions of non support for the expansion project. So the taxpayers (voters) of Algonquin Highlands alone would be on the hook for the full cost of the 1/3 municipal share for construction under Build Canada and ALL ongoing maintenance costs and operating deficits. This small township cannot afford it.

Let us elect councillors who will use our financial resources to pay for those higher priority items (fire trucks, septage lagoons, facilities and services e.g.) that affect the quality of life for ALL of the residents of Algonquin Highlands (permanent and seasonal), and not to pay for a new runway for the benefit of a privileged few.

The election on October 25, 2010 is your one opportunity to take a personal position on the airport expansion and have your voice heard.

VOTE!

Tom Fitzsimmons
1656 Barry Line Road ■

Minden, Cardiff, host all candidates meetings

Tonight (Thursday, October 7th) there will be an all candidates meeting in Highlands East at the Cardiff Community Centre at 6 PM. Moderator will be Wayne Galloway, an ex OPP officer from Bancroft.

On Friday, October 8th the Coalition of Minden Hills Ratepayers will be hosting their Minden all-candidates at 7:00 pm at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Organizer Steve Taylor points out that this will be the fifth election in a row that the Coalition has hosted an all candidates: moderator will be Voice Publisher Jack Brezina. ■

Clarification

The County Voice would like to clarify that municipal candidate Keith Hodgson's current occupations are logger and bait fish harvester. The Voice regrets any confusion that may have arisen. ■

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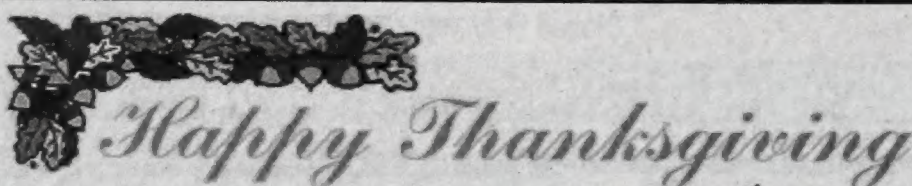


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Dear Editor:

"You, sir, are much misinformed."

Dear Editor:

For your info the feral cat population three or four years ago was much larger than eight or ten animals. You sir are much misinformed. Your info is as out of date as your line of thinking. Why would you pick an issue that has been looked after successfully and try to tear it apart?

If this is a sample of your expertise and ability it surely leaves little to the mind of the people you hope to represent. My wife and I have worked very hard to get this program off the ground and to have someone like you who knows little or nothing about feral cats try to tear it down is certainly not the person I would vote for.

You also said these cats are being subjected to issues in the commune, how would you know anything about it. For your info they are well fed have a good shelter and have all been neutered and have had their shots. I do not know where you got your info from but it sounds like from someone who would write to Nestle Purina and threaten them with a lawsuit because they donate food to the feral cats. A lot of people on our street take offense at your attack on this program merely to try to get votes.

This is not a successful campaign strategy it cost you votes rather than gained you votes. There are at least 30 or 40 people on our street who now will vote for your opponent. My wife and I will head the list. I find your line of thinking out dated and out of line for a would be politician.

Bud Friesman
Highlands East ■

"There is a solution."

Dear Editor:

So we have 4 candidates for Deputy Reeve in Dysart and a Reeve who is acclaimed. In the Deputy Reeve contest we could have a winner with only 25 percent of the votes cast plus one. That means we could have 75 percent minus one of the electorate disappointed in the result because they didn't vote for the winner. Well we could say that a number of the candidates are virtually identical in personality and policy so who wins or loses doesn't matter much to all the 75 percent. But of course that makes for an uninteresting contest and little difference of input on the new council.

There is a solution.

"The job of mayor of Toronto is such a huge job it's important you get elected by the majority of people," says retiring Councilor Case Ootes, who, as his kiss goodbye, asked city staff to study voting systems other than the dreaded first-past-the-post. (His motion was passed by council.) This was reported by C Porter in the Toronto Star of Saturday, Sept. 25.

Dysart, likewise, should consider electoral reform. It's not about the relative importance of the Reeve of Dysart compared to the Mayor of Toronto. It's about an effective democratic voting system.

Imagine a system where the reeve and deputy reeve ran in the same race. In our October election we could have had 5 candidates for two positions including the comfortable long time current reeve. We would then rank the candidates with a 1, a 2, a 3 and more. If no candidate won enough votes a simple calculation would be applied to consider who had more 3's or 4's perhaps. In this way at least 2/3 of the voters would be guaranteed to elect at least one of the candidates.

It would give the voters a wider choice and perhaps make the competition among candidates more interesting. Let's improve how we elect important representatives.

Regards

Jim Milne
■

Re: The rising tide of pool supporters.

Dear Editor:

A pool for Haliburton County? Only AFTER both lower tier and upper tier governments have ensured that the basic needs of the average resident have been met, such as: County and Municipal roads that are all brought up to standard, such as: the County's garbage issue has been resolved: affordable housing is available for all who need it: other services which are currently provided within the County/Municipal mandate are being provided without undue tax increases and Haliburton County no longer has the highest rate of unemployment in the Province.

Then, and only then, if a County-wide referendum shows that a minimum of 66.66 per cent of electors are in favour of a pool that 75 per cent of the population will never use, why not enclose the existing pool in the village of Cardiff, (which is Ward 4 of the Municipality of Highlands East in the County of Haliburton).

In the meantime, those who can afford to drive to Bracebridge to swim, count your blessings and think of the people in Haliburton County who are unemployed, lack adequate housing, the hungry, those who have serious health issues which would not benefit from a swimming pool, those who live in isolation due to lack of transportation and those who are finding it difficult to pay their property taxes.

Elva V. Bates
Highlands East ■

Mr. Jaycock finds a fan

Dear Editor:

I was upset yesterday when I noticed someone had absconded with one of my election signs. The other candidate signs were untouched. I felt violated ... I'd put time and money into developing, printing and then distributing my signs. I fumed on and off for the next hour or so, and then it hit me. This wasn't a theft. It was an expression of their delight at the beauty and design, not to mention, a lovely rendition of my smiling face. Someone had taken it home so they could display it in their family room! Absolutely, that's it! I am indeed honoured and to that "fan", I hope you have many hours of pleasure from it. I've decided that, after October 25th, anyone that would like one of my signs for their family room should just give me a call. Who woulda thought that an election sign could give such lasting pleasure.

Humbly

Mike Jaycock
Candidate, Ward 5 ■

"Thanks to you all"

Dear Editor:

Make It Minden Tuesday Night was a big hit this past summer. The Minden Promoters Group were very happy to have the local merchants, service clubs, churches and individuals step up to the challenge of hosting an event in Minden on a Tuesday evening during July and August.

With the support of the following we had a very successful first year. July 6th Natalie at the Rivercone and Minden Lions Club hosted a corn roast and live entertainment for a street dance. July 13th the Minden Fire Department opened the fire hall to the public. July 20th the Highlands Community Church entertained with a street dance. July 27th the Minden Rotary Club kicked off their annual carnival. August 3rd Sandra Bradley was checking everyone in as they Floated their Hull down the Gull.

August 10th Laura Cunliffe coordinated the 2nd Annual Car Show. August 17th the Cultural Centre hosted a Ghost Walk. August 24th the Crowne Gallery, Wild Swan and Gravity House hosted Tea House of August Moon. August 31st the Minden Girl Guides and Haliburton Army Cadet Corps provided programming. Thanks to all of you. There were many grateful families that enjoyed the evening. Everyone is invited out to the Minden Community Centre on Thursday, October 28th at 7:45 to help plan events for next year. Make It Minden 2011!! Thanks guys,

Lynda Litwin
Minden Promotor ■

Ballot Fiasco

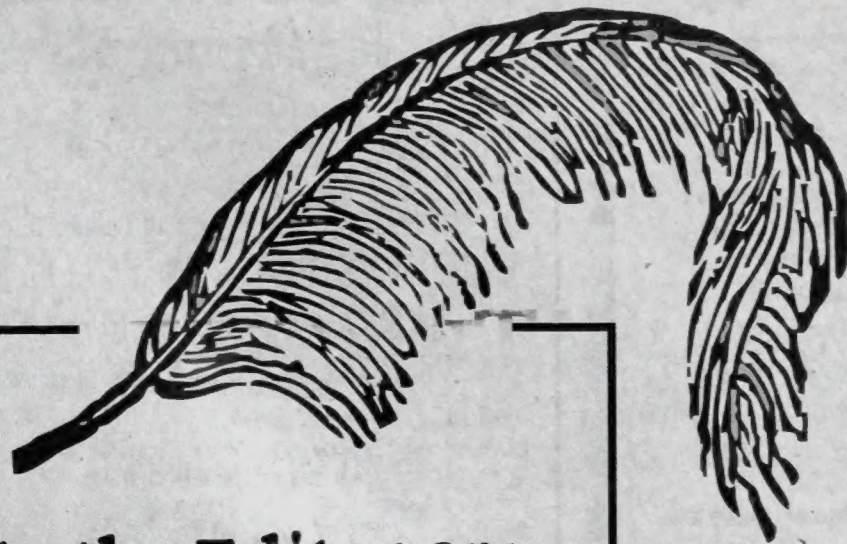
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tion. It's unfortunate but we're human and I don't think there's a human alive that hasn't made one or two mistakes in their life.

"I think the lawyers are aware that Ward 2 is fairly contentious with the airport issue and so on, so I think what they are trying to do is make the best decision possible so there is no way the outcome of the election can be challenged. I think that's what's important right now. You don't want to spend time and money rectifying the situation and then finding out it's going to be challenged."

Algonquin Highlands Clerk Angie Bird said late Tuesday afternoon that the lawyer will advise the township what should be done and what the implications are. "That's what we're waiting on," she said.

As of the deadline for this week's edition of The County Voice Algonquin Highlands had not received a decision from its lawyer regarding a solution to the problem. □



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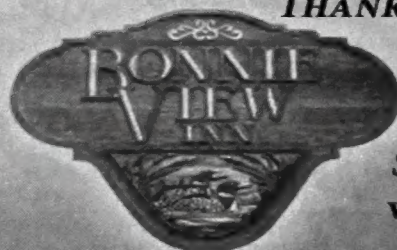
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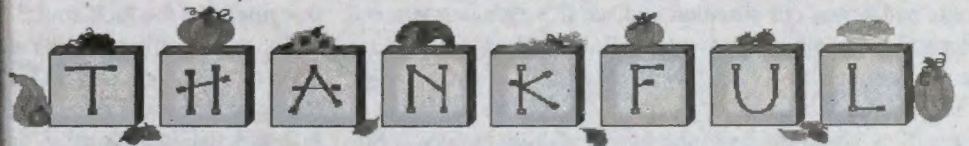
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Stanhope has great Colour Tour Fly In



Wally Norris, a recreational pilot based in Lindsay, was one of 95 flyers who visited Stanhope Airport this past weekend.



Norris is seen here landing his homebuilt Zenith CH250

■ By: Lyn Winans - Photojournalist

Stanhope Airport was a very busy spot this past weekend with 95 planes visiting the facility during the Fall Colour Tour fly-in. According to

manager John Packer, "it was an absolutely successful weekend, it was so busy on Sunday that the food booth ran out of almost everything but hot dogs." Over 500 people, including pilots, passengers and spectators visited the airport over the two days. Pilots flew in from all points in southern Ontario, some from as far away as Kincardine and Sudbury. ■

Minden Hills ward 3 race boasts two new candidates

■ By: Jerry Grozelle - Reporter



Michelle Moore says helping families is among her priorities

Michelle Moore is a family-oriented candidate running for Minden Hills council in Ward 3, the former Snowdon Township. Moore says she is passionate about helping families and especially children of the area. She said there is not much for children to do unless their parents can afford hockey and skating. "Let's face it, three-quarters of the population of Minden cannot afford that," she said. "I don't know how some of these families are making it on minimum wage. After you do the calculations, people are in the hole, never mind paying the hydro and rent, food and car to get to their minimum wage job." Moore says there is a need for more and better jobs.

As for things for children to do, she suggested that the community centre could be put to more use by offering craft, woodworking and other classes. She would like to see a boys' and girls' club formed much like the ones in other communities, where a variety of low cost programs and sports could be offered. She said she went to a similar club when she was younger and she would like to see something like that available here. "The Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada would come and assess our situation and see if a club is warranted here and there is funding available," she said. "I'd like to see our seniors get involved as well. What a better story teller, what a better woodworking person... there are all kinds of things they could do, even the basics of how to cook." She said the community centre isn't being used to its potential. "It should be used every day and every night of the week," she said. "That's what I'm passionate about right now -- helping

families."

Moore said road work and attention to facilities within the Ward 3 boundaries are overdue.

"I just want to help. I think I have a lot to offer, with me being in business for 12 years with the bowling alley." She said her experiences at the bowling alley that she and her husband Scott owned and operated gave her a lot of insight into business practices and working with people. "I was chief cook and bottle washer," she quipped.

She also listed her experience as a mom (she has a 3-1/2 year old daughter, Sierra) and as a taxpayer as assets that would be of value at the council table. She has also worked for an insurance company in Haliburton with experience in accounts payable and receivable.

"I'd certainly like to be on the Recreation Committee," she said. She attended one of the recent meetings the municipality held to discuss the future of the recreation facilities in Minden Hills and said there were a lot of good ideas. "It would be good to make the community centre a multiplex. That way moms and dads are not running all over the county. Everything is in one place," she said. "I'd rather people stay here to play, eat and shop than go to Bracebridge, Orillia or Lindsay. People are driving to Bracebridge to swim and what are they doing while they are there? They are shopping and eating. Why can't they do that here? I'm not looking for an Olympic sized pool, by any means. But there are ways to make a pool viable."

Safety is also on Moore's radar. She said she would like to see bike, scooter and wheelchair lanes so people using those conveyances aren't at risk as they travel around the community. She also noted that the provincial government has mandated that every public place must be wheelchair accessible within the next couple of years and Minden has barely started. She said people who can't get into the stores can't shop.

Another issue of concern to Moore is the fact that young people are allowed to roam downtown Minden at 1 o'clock in the morning. She said she would support a curfew for children of a certain age. "I know it's hard for the police to do it, there is a large area to cover, but there has to be something in place, especially in the summertime."

"I understand that some people would like to keep this area a cottage area, a retirement village, but times are changing way too fast," Moore said. She is happy that Canadian Tire has committed to come to Minden. "When we use the word industry, people think about smoke stacks, she said. "That's not what we're talking about. When Canadian Tire gets here, that might be the kick-start."

She thinks Minden Hills should do what other areas have done to attract doctors and nurses, which is to help pay for their education and provide facilities in return for a guarantee that they will work locally for a specified term once they have graduated.

Moore said some good things have been done in Minden, such as the River Walk, but she says more should be done to promote it and other attractions. She said something as simple as selling T-shirts, sweat shirts, pens, and mugs that say something like "I walked Minden's River Walk" could help raise money for upkeep.

"I'd like to see more fair play during this election," Moore said. "It certainly opened my eyes. How can some of the candidates expect the voters to respectfully vote for them if they can't even show respect for each other? Call me naïve, I thought we wanted to be on council to improve and assure all of our residents a better quality of life. Some recent events opened up these once naïve and humble eyes as to what lengths people will go to win an election."

Moore currently drives a school bus and her daughter rides along with her on the route. "I go out and do my bus run and Sierra gets to come with me. There aren't too many jobs where you get to bring your daughter along," she said.

"I am also a supporter in having town meetings which would be held after people are off work and/or weekends at the community center. Hiring consultants to tell the residents of Minden Hills what they need and don't need is a pure waste of taxpayers' money," she said. "No one is more aware of what our community needs, which includes all of Minden Hills, than the residents who make up our community. These are the consultants we need to hear from at open forums." ■



Jean Neville believes in community spirit and cooperation

Jean Neville is a semi-retired medical laboratory technician who is one of two people vying to represent Ward 3 on Minden Hills council.

She has lived in Minden Hills, and particularly Snowdon, for most of her life and felt that at this point she is able to give something back to her community in the form of service on council. With the knowledge she has gained as a resident and active member of the community, she says she is confident she can contribute as a member of council. "I have the time and I think I can learn the expertise," she said. "I haven't been involved in politics before, but I've learned many things over the years and I think I can do this job."

Neville said she would like to get Ward 3 more actively involved as a participant in municipal affairs. She acknowledges that the village of Minden is the hub of the township but she says Snowdon has a lot of resources that are underutilized and need to be promoted. She pointed out that the portion of the rail trail that lies within Minden Hills is 100 per cent within the former Snowdon Township's boundaries. "The rail trail is a big resource that could be used and promoted to draw people to the area," she said. "It needs a lot of improvement. There are places where the trail is rough and falling apart and it needs some work. I know it's a county initiative, but I think the municipalities have to contribute as well."

Snowdon Park is another resource Neville says could be put to better use. She said it is a huge, beautiful area with wetlands and trails that need to be enhanced and improved. She said the trails could be extended to link the park to Minden via snowmobile trails. The local schools could use Snowdon Park as an educational destination instead of taking them to Wye Marsh or other areas outside the county. "There's all kinds of wildlife and plants, you name it, she said. "It has to be promoted, spruced up and better maps made. I'm not saying all this work should be done by Minden Hills staff. I could get hundreds of volunteers for all kinds of these projects. If they need to have someone from Minden Hills oversee the project, that's fantastic. There are all kinds of people who would love to get these things fixed up and revitalized and I'm sure they would be quite willing to help."

The ball diamonds in Irondale, Lochlin and Ingoldsby are seldom used any more and Neville said people should be encouraged to get them used again to help bring the communities together. "They aren't being maintained any more," she said, adding that people have to go to Minden or Haliburton to play in organized ball leagues. "Originally, we used all these ball diamonds and it got all the locals out to watch the games. We need more community involvement and community spirit. We've lost our little schools and the churches are struggling to survive and the community centres live under the threat of closure all the time. We work hard to pay our bills and keep them viable. With a little bit of effort, they could be promoted the same as the Minden Community Centre." She said promotion on the township website would help.

Neville said people don't want their taxes to increase, and council has to think of ways to keep taxes under control. She said the provincial government mandates what serviced municipalities must provide, so the township has to be smart with the money it has left to develop the things people want. She said Minden has done some great things in recent years, citing the River Walk, with its carvings, and the cultural centre as examples. "And I just

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Please join U-Links and HHHS for a panel discussion

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Service providers discuss legal access issues in Haliburton County

■ By: Laura Redman - Reporter

Understanding and accessing legal services in rural Ontario apparently boils down to one major point - providing those services through people - not pamphlets.

"People, not pamphlets" became a theme for the day as lawyers from the Community Legal Clinic met with local social service providers in Minden last week to discuss issues around access to justice in rural and remote communities. The group members chose to remain anonymous within this story, thereby protecting the rights and privacy of their clients.

The idea for the discussion began when the Law Foundation of Ontario commissioned a report to look into the challenges faced by people in rural and remote communities in getting access to justice. In response to the findings in the report, the Law Foundation decided to create a project called "Connection Region" that

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love the Frontier Village and the new water tower is certainly going to benefit the community," she said, adding that it will serve the needs of the community as it grows and expands.

Neville is happy that Canadian Tire is coming to Minden but she is not sure about having a lot of large chain stores come to the village. "I personally don't want to see a bunch of great big box stores," she said. "We have to realize we are a rural community and that's why people come here -- they want to get out of the city. We have a beautiful and unique experience here in the Haliburton Highlands and I think we have to focus on the fact that we're rural. It doesn't mean that we're not going to grow. We should grow, but we've got to grow properly, not with big flashing billboards along Highway 35 that remind you of the 401. We need to do appropriate things, unique things so people have a unique experience. People don't want to come here from the city to have the same city experience."

Haliburton County already has some great attractions that could be further enhanced, she said. Fleming College offers a lot of good courses but she thinks it could add trades courses to keep young people here to train for careers that could give them opportunities to remain in Haliburton County when they graduate. She has three sons who have learned trades outside of the county but were fortunate enough to be able to return here to work.

Waste management is an issue that Neville believes is an issue in need of attention now, rather than later. She says incineration may be the answer, possibly in partnership with another county. "We have to look at other alternatives," she said. "We have to think of better ways of getting rid of our garbage."

Neville has served on the board of the Lochlin Community Centre since 1998. "We work hard to pay our way." She said the smaller community centres are spokes in the wheel. "We support the town of Minden and the municipality should support us -- the whole of the municipality of Minden Hills. If our little areas become derelict and run down and all we are is a road sign, the tax base of the community is going to go down. It's not going to attract people if the outside area looks like a ghost town. We have to keep them revived and revitalized for the good of the whole municipality."

Neville's mother Ernice Warder taught at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. She developed the first special education classes in the county.

Along with the Lochlin Community Centre Board, Neville also serves on or is a member of the Food Coalition Board, the Farmers' Association, the Irondale Historical Society, and the Aging Well Steering Committee.

After graduating as a Lab Technician, she worked at Civic Hospital in Peterborough before moving back to Haliburton County, where she established the first medical lab. She has been back in the area since the mid 1970s. ■

proposed that legal and non-legal organizations would work together to develop a more coherent system for delivery of legal services to rural and remote areas.

In the spring of this year, the region comprised of Grey-Bruce, Simcoe, Haliburton, Peterborough County, Muskoka and Kawartha Lakes were selected as a candidate for the Connecting Region project.

Lisa Loader, a lawyer with Community Legal Clinic, has held meetings in Barrie, Collingwood, Lindsay, Minden and Orillia, and she said so far, the picture that's being painted by attendees at those meetings is not a pretty one.

"In places like Haliburton, people need better access to legal services," Loader said. "We want to come up with community-based solutions to problems -- and the ideas have to come from you."

Loader called the meeting in Minden a huge opportunity and told the participants that the information gathered there would help to inform the creation of an online survey, help to prepare a report to the Law Foundation and help to structure an upcoming regional conference in Orillia on November 19.

"If the Law Foundation likes what we've come up with through these meetings, then they will fund our project," Loader added.

The gathering began with a discussion of barriers and issues to legal services found in Haliburton County -- with improved access to criminal and family law being called a "huge need." Other issues raised included literacy, a lack of understanding of legal rights -- especially with tenants, costly transportation, a lack of child care, rural isolation -- social and geographic, and technology as a barrier -- in a lack of skills and a lack of reliable, affordable Internet.

Loader spoke to the geographic issues in Haliburton County.

"It's much harder to serve 16,000 people in Haliburton than it is to serve 75,000 people in Kawartha Lakes," Loader said. One member of the group laughed and said, "Yes, we always say, it's shorter for residents to go from Minden to Lindsay than it is for professionals from Lindsay to come to Minden."

Loader said the hearings -- Landlord Tenant, Workers' Compensation -- are mostly held in Lindsay, Peterborough or Toronto -- and no one from Haliburton ever shows up.

From having no water to chimneys that need repairing before an oil delivery will be made, there was agreement that Haliburton residents do not understand their rights -- but apparently the lack of complaint is also due to the shortage of available housing and many people accept substandard dwellings because "it's a roof." Apparently employment law is under the radar in Haliburton.

Loader said she runs the Worker's Compensation tribunals for their agency and she has never seen a claim from Haliburton. Increased costs associated with skyrocketing Hydro and fuel rates are also a concern -- and in Haliburton, life often becomes about survival -- even at the lowest common denominator -- with a reliable source of heat or firewood becoming a considering factor in maintaining domestic situations -- even when subjected to abuse.

When the discussion turned to categorizing assets and solutions, the immediate point was that people in Haliburton County need a physical place and a person to better access and understand legal services and rights -- not a phone number or information printed on a pamphlet.

Loader said they have started working with libraries in the City of Kawartha Lakes to offer client services through their computers -- the Community Legal Clinic is working on a brand new website that will guide visitors through the legal process using an avatar that questions the user to best direct the search. But the service providers in Haliburton maintained that the county needs a non-technological based solution, and that it is a real, trusted person needed to visit parts of the county on a predictable schedule -- especially to the underserved, outlying parts of the county.

Participants also decided there needs to be a better legal education piece, a basic information package and a public awareness campaign -- but they also insisted that Haliburton needs one person who becomes the face of legal justice in Haliburton -- becoming the trusted person, not the pamphlet. ■



Voice announces first annual Back Words Short Story Contest

Writers, start your keyboards! The County Voice, in partnership with R.D. Lawrence Place, is pleased to announce the first annual Back Words Short Story Contest.

This first annual fiction writing contest will officially begin on October 14, and will feature three age categories: Child -- ages eight to 12; Youth -- ages 13 to 18; and Adult -- everyone else 19 years and over.

This contest does not have a boring theme -- instead the challenge is that all writers must include the following five words in their fictional short story: canoe, Gelert, library, dancing and umbrella.

There will be three winners in each category chosen by a group of judges consisting of R. D. Lawrence Place Coordinator Sheryl Loucks, Voice Reporter (and RDL Place Writer-in-Residence) Laura Redman, Minden writer Pauline Johnson, Voice Editor Stephen Patrick and Playwright Michael Fay. All entries must be 750 words or less, and must include the writer's contact name and information on a separate cover page.

Read The Voice next week for more details -- including prizes and full contest entry rules, but all submitting writers must be residents or cottagers in Haliburton County. ■

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Star-studded We Day trip motivates youth to reach for their goals

Students learn to put others first

A group of 13 grade seven and eight J.D. Hodgson students were not only entertained in a packed Air Canada Centre on Sept. 30 – they were enlightened and motivated to stand up for change.

The students, along with a busload of 13 Archie Stouffer students, headed out at five in the morning to attend Free the Children's fourth annual We Day festivities.

"It was a wonderful opportunity; the kids has a great time," said principal Traci Hubbert. "It was quite a delight to take this group there because they were so engaged and their behaviour was perfect."

Designed to kick off a year-long campaign called We Schools in Action, the event featured some big name celebrities – stars like K'naan, Down With Webster, Olympian Alexandre Bilodeau and best-selling author Deepak Chopra.

In addition to powerful performances, speeches from global leaders, activists and cultural icons empowered the 18,000 students who filled the stadium.

"I thought Spencer West's story was really good," said grade 8 student Amanda Clement. "I don't know how I would have coped with that," Clement said, referring to the story given by a man who lost both of his legs at the age of five. West touched on overcoming stereotyping and bullying, and about finding ones place in the world.

Angus Sullivan, also in grade eight, was as big of a fan of the entertainment as he was of the profound stories that were told.

"My favourite speaker was Michel Chikwanine. His story was amazing; I couldn't even imagine the stuff he went through," Sullivan said.

Chikwanine, a former child soldier born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, grew up amidst the raw brutality of the Great War of Africa. As a child, he endured suffering that no person should have to go through – like the torture of his father, who was singled out for his political beliefs, the rape of his mother and his own torture.

By sharing his story he has moved on in a positive direction and shown audiences across North America that change against adversity is possible.

"I liked a lot of them [speakers] but it was really interesting to see and hear Alexandre Bilodeau talk. He talked about how he pretended that he was his brother doing it [skiing], and that he was doing it for him," said student Jessica Karaguesian.

Bilodeau, Canada's first Olympian to win a gold medal at home, has always drawn inspiration from his older brother who face life's challenges head-on despite suffering from cerebral palsy.

Though this was the first year that students from the school went on the trip, many of them had seen what We Day was all about when last year's event was televised at the school.

"Last year a couple of the grade seven classes watched it, so that really got the kids jazzed about the opportunity to go," said Hubbert, who along with teacher Laurie Bowker chaperoned the event.

When the school found out it was successful in its application to Free



the Children for taking students on the trip, packages were prepared and distributed to those interested in going at the start of the school year.

The package included release forms as well as four straightforward questions: "Why you would like to participate at We Day?" "What qualities do you have that will make you a good representative of JDH at We Day?" "In knowing that We Day is about making a difference both locally and globally, why do you believe that you can make a difference both locally and globally?"

Lastly, the students were asked to provide an example of a project they could lead with other students that would make a difference globally and locally.

"The premise behind We Day, which is the kick off to We Schools in Action, is to get kids to stop thinking about 'me' and moving towards thinking about 'we'," Hubbert explained.

All of the schools that attended the event now must commit to taking on a local and global project during the school year.

"We [the students] have lots of ideas," Hubbert said, listing off potential projects that include anti-bullying campaigns, food drives and spare change collection in support of various initiatives.

The students' ideas were set to be reviewed by Hubbert and Bowker on Wednesday, and decided on.

"They'll be doing multiple projects throughout the year," Hubbert said.

Other We Day events will take place in Vancouver on Oct. 15 and Montreal on Nov. 12.

Since We Day started in 2007, 51,400 students have attended the event. Those students have collectively fundraised to support Free the Children's Adopt a Village development program. By the end of 2010, those young people will have logged one million volunteer hours to benefit more than 500 charities and community groups.

To learn more visit <http://weday.freethechildren.com/> ■



Top: Air Canada Center was packed for We Day

Above: JDH Teacher Laurie Bowker and Principal Traci Hubbert pose with students from JDH and Archie Stouffer

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Highlands East Ward 1 candidates

■ By: Liz Danielsen - Reporter



Barry Dickinson

Barry Dickinson has lived in Cardiff for as long as he can remember. Having been raised in the small community and operated a successful family business for years, Dickinson has had access to people in all walks of life whether permanent or seasonal residents

and this has offered him an opportunity to gain insight into local concerns and the direction that the municipality should take.

As an electrician by trade, Dickinson chuckled when he talked about having distributed campaign material indicating that he is an 'electrifying representative.' Acknowledging that he isn't exactly the best public speaker in the world, he says that is no reflection on his commitment to work for the people in Cardiff, and in fact on behalf of everyone in the municipality.

Dickinson, who has now been married for 27 years and has two grown children of his own, worked at his father's elbow and grew up with the family's electrical business, which he took over shortly after he was married. "The majority of my work is in Cardiff Township, but I'm in and out of people's homes and deal with people every day. It has given me an excellent sense of people's concerns and out of all of the candidates running I probably know more people on a first name basis than anyone else in the township, or at least as many."

Dickinson says that he doesn't have a nine to five job in a factory, but rather he relies on the people in Cardiff for his living, which is part of the reason that he would like to give back to that community.

Dickinson says that his father was always involved in local and provincial politics, and as a member of the Progressive Conservative party his father always encouraged younger people to become involved. For a short time he too was a member of the Haliburton PC Association, and while he said that it gave him his first small taste of politics, he felt he lacked the experience at that time to continue.

But his father also served several terms on the local Bicroft Council prior to amalgamation and politics became a regular topic of discussion at the kitchen table.

Over the past several years, Dickinson has had a growing concern about the need for Highlands East to improve on its image. "Their image wasn't the best and they were getting a bit of bad press, so I decided to attend as many meetings as I could to try to determine exactly what the problem was."

The fact that Council seemed unable to work well together had considerable influence on his decision to run for public office. "We need to encourage people and business to come to the township, but they're not likely to do that until they can see a common front and a well oiled machine running the municipality."

If elected, Dickinson says that he wants to ensure that the interests of the people in his ward are taken care of first and foremost, but he also said that the Council as a whole must learn to work together with a broader picture in mind.

One of the things that Dickinson sees the need for is a seniors' complex. "I realize that there are a number of problems to resolve before we can achieve that and it may all go back to the municipality's image. Personally, I think that Highlands East is a great place to live and I would like to see more people thinking that way."

Like many other young people raised in the area and facing limited opportunities for work, Kauffeldt moved to Toronto in the hopes of building a future there, but after the birth of his first child, he and his wife Heather decided that a more affordable life in a small community that offered a school and all the amenities would better suit their lifestyle.

"Cardiff is a great place to raise kids and I fell in love with Haliburton County. I was raised close enough to be almost a native and I married the right girl; someone whose family loved canoeing and camping in the park; someone who was sold on the idea of living in cottage country. We get to live in an area where everyone else spends hours getting to on the weekends."

Kauffeldt works nights full time in Peterborough and the couple now have two daughters, one attending school in Cardiff and the other in Wilberforce.

Kauffeldt may not have a lot of experience when it comes to being a councillor, but he's no stranger to volunteer work. He and his wife Heather run the snack program for the Cardiff school. For a number of years he has coached the kids chess team, he has chaired the Cardiff School Council and for the last four years he has been the president of the Cardiff Community Association; a group of parents who try to provide some structure, support and resources for local kids. "If you give kids something to do, it keeps them out of trouble."

Kauffeldt laughed outright when he said, "If kids were allowed to vote, I wouldn't have to run. I've always been heavily involved with the kids in the area."

Successful in a several Ontario Trillium Foundation and Hydro One grant applications, Kauffeldt played a key role in getting new playground equipment and fencing for the ice rink. His efforts were supported when Council provided new timed lighting and change rooms for the kids at the rink. The CCA also started a soccer league for kids in the area and, even though it was not structured play, the program ran successfully for several years. They also ran pre-teen dances for kids on Saturday nights in the local community centre.

Recognizing that there have been a lot of comments over the past year about the municipality's building department, as a contractor Dickinson has some ideas about how to remove some of the stumbling blocks and make the system work for those wishing to build, for the contractors doing the work and for the protection of the municipality. "I look forward to having an opportunity to work towards everyone working as a part of a team."

Dickinson has been a volunteer firefighter since the early nineties and is proud of having risen through the ranks to become one of the captains in Station 1 Cardiff. Given his involvement with the fire department, Dickinson sees the need to encourage new people to become involved. "They're all doing a great job, but we're all getting older and we need young people to become involved. The Council needs to encourage that."

Referring to the ongoing discussions about possible changes in the department Dickinson also said, "I don't want to see firehalls closed just for the sake of it. They are part of the overall package."

"There have been a lot of recommendations and discussions about the future of the fire department and where infrastructure should be placed. I think that the newly elected Council must give careful consideration of their options before making any major changes and we have to ensure that we don't lose valuable volunteers in the process."

He also has strong feelings about the community pool in Cardiff and would like to see some upgrades made. "I don't want to see the community lose the pool. I swam in it as a kid and my children swam in it as well. It's important to the community and I would like to work towards having some improvements made to it."

"I am committed to working with all of council to maintain and better services to all residents. I have good problem solving skills and I think I have a lot to offer my community; I have some good ideas and think that I would have valuable input into the overall operation. I am a reasonable man with some reasonable ideas, and I hope I have a chance to prove myself." ■

Steve Kauffeldt



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Kauffeldt also said that things can improve dramatically in Cardiff. "People need to be heard and I don't believe they are at the moment. And that includes everyone, whether you're a cottager, renter, landlord or homeowner. In the past large portions of the population have been ignored and I'm hoping to change that."

"It's important for a councillor to spend one on one time with people to find out what their concerns are."

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Locally made instruments under Rails End spotlight

■ By: Mark Arike - Reporter

A group of instrument construction students had their detailed, handcrafted instruments on display at the Rails End Gallery last Saturday prior to a sold-out, all-string show.

Violins, violas and cello's made at the hands of members of the Haliburton Amateur Luthiers Organization (HALO) – a group started by string artist and teacher Bethany Houghton and Wendy Evenden-Loney – were included in the day-long display.

The work of Houghton, Evenden-Loney, Ken Loney and Jennifer Wanless-Craig was featured.

"We get together and we make instruments about once a week," said Houghton of the group that includes Haliburton School of the Arts students.

In addition to completed pieces, instruments that are still considered a work in progress were under the gallery's spotlights.

"Some of these are half made just to show the process involved in building," Houghton said.

When it comes to making them, construction begins with two pieces of large wood that are glued together. Maple is used on the back of the instrument while spruce is used on the front.

Students of the program tend to make instruments on their own; however, each welcomes one another's advice.

"We work in the same room and a lot of the times go through the same stages together. A lot of the time it really helps to have the other person there just to talk about what it is that you're doing and discuss techniques," Houghton said.

As one of the head organizers of HALO, Houghton sees the instrument building process as one that can lead an artist to diversify and expand upon their artistic talents.

"It's an art where when you're finished with it, you have something that you can use to learn another art [playing the instrument]," she said.



Now one of the teachers in the program, Houghton spoke of the first instrument she made and her current musical endeavours.

"I took one of the very first courses [about 15 years ago] and built my first instrument – a violin," Houghton said as she pointed out a viola, cello and two violins made by her. Together, the four stringed instruments, which she has named, are part of The A Quartet.

"We've got Abigail, Alex, Arlen and Austen," she said, listing them off as if they were part of the family.

The four instruments are unique in their own ways, but at the same time share similarities. For instance, each has a yin-yang symbol carved into the back of the scroll (carving at the end of the neck).

Joining her to play the four aforementioned instruments in The A Quartet are her sisters Jeska and Laura Houghton, and guest violinist Barbara Hart.

On Saturday evening's sold-out show, the group performed a variety of music, including pieces such as Schubert's 'Death and the Maiden', the

Telemann Concerto for Two Violas, A Wife in Every Port (traditional), and a Beatles song. Accompanying them were Margaret Milne on piano and Katherine Gillespie on vocals. ■

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In his travels, Kauffeldt has found that a lot of people are talking about deteriorating infrastructure and he says that one of the platforms he is running on is the local pool. "There seems to be a lot of confusion. I'm told there was a heater on the pool and now it's gone. That's where accessing government funds comes into play."

Kauffeldt mentioned the push in Haliburton for a year round pool, but said, "Cardiff already has one. It becomes the social hub for both kids and seniors and it needs to be cleaned up. If it was heated it would extend its usefulness and could be opened as early as May 24th. It could also be made more accessible for people with disabilities. I'm dead set against seeing the pool closed and am ready to raise funds to make it the treasure it is."

Kauffeldt said he'd also like to do something about taxes, but admits that he's learning a lot as he goes. "I've heard a lot of cottagers complaining about what they get (or don't get) for their money. Many of them feel that they only get a waste management card in return for their tax dollar. I've even found one road association that has purchased their own firefighting equipment. It concerns me to think that cottagers don't feel protected."

He has also heard concerns

raised about the firehalls and feels strongly that none of the firehalls should be closed.

"It's certainly a hot topic and I don't believe at this time there is a need to close any fire halls including Tory Hill."

Finally, Kauffeldt thinks that the Council needs to focus more on working together. "My focus will be on representing my ward, but we also have to look at the broader picture; look at the demographics of the entire municipality and if assisted living is something we need to tackle we have to look at the municipality over all. It's the same thing with recreation."

"I believe I have to buckle down and learn more about the rest of the municipality and I'm working towards that." ■

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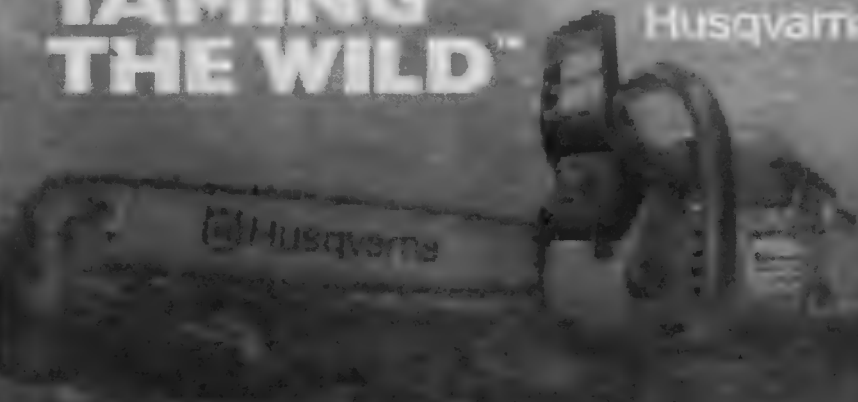
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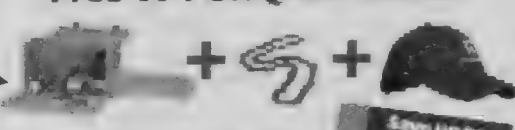


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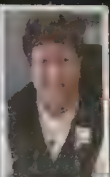
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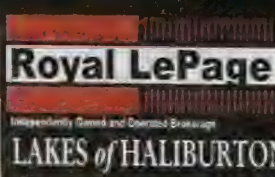


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A day of celebration and recognition for Community Care

■ By: Lyn Winans - Photo-journalist

It was a day of celebration at Sir Sam's ski hill last Saturday as Haliburton County Community Care marked 30 years of service. Staff, clients and volunteers gathered along with dignitaries, politicians and visitors to reminisce and recognize the invaluable services of Community Care, and especially to honour its founder, Doris McCann.

Community Care President Ray Brassard opened the formal portion of the event by stressing the importance of keeping seniors and the ill in their own homes for as long as possible. In addition to recognizing the work of staff and volunteers, he made special mention of other community partners, especially businesses and individuals whose donations are so important. The cooperation among staff, volunteers, businesses and donors is an example of our motto, "people helping people", he concluded.

Politicians Murray Fearrey, Bill Davis, (who was standing in for County Warden Dave Burton) and MP Barry Devolin in turn praised the work of the agency and gave special recognition to the work of volunteers.

Executive Director Donna MacDonald introduced staff members, and went on to cite some information gathered over the past year. Community Care statistics included: 13,968 meals to 221 clients, 7,592 transportation trips for 374 clients, 3,050 friendly visits and security checks to 31 clients, 222 service arrangements for home help and home maintenance to 161 clients, 2,915 units of Social, Rec and Diner's Club meals to 250 clients and 16 home placements for 16 clients. MacDonald closed with, "We thank Doris McCann and her dedicated volunteers who dreamed a dream and worked so hard to make it a reality"

Scotty Morrison unveiled a memorial plaque in McCann's honour, and replicas were presented to her three children, Barry and Bryan McCann and Judy Wilkins, who were in attendance for the event. Morrison spoke fondly of Doris McCann and humorously recalled a Community Care friendly visit to her home on Kennis Lake where she put him to work as a laundry assistant: apparently Scotty's chore was to pass items from a hamper on the ground to McCann to hang on the line. What Scotty didn't know at the time was that that particular load consisted of bras and panties. Seems Morrison later spent some time searching the Community Care "guidelines on friendly visits" to see if there was a lingerie laundry assistant's section.



Of the original 10 founding members of Community Care, only Ev Stata was present at Saturday's celebration. In an emotional gesture, Morrison presented her with a plaque and a hug before Stata read a poem she had written as a tribute to Doris McCann. On a day that had people half her age shivering and zipping up jackets, 87 year old Stata thought nothing of taking advantage of the opportunity to ride the chair lift to the top of the Sir Sam's hill. "A bit cool", she said. Hell, it was freezing!



Once the formalities were concluded, groups of people gathered to chat and peruse the collection of Community Care photos on display while enjoying refreshments and the live entertainment provided by Irene Merritt and Jazz Kitchen.

A quote attributed to Margaret Mead was referred to during two of the formal presentations. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Mead's words would most certainly apply to the group gathered at Sir Sam's last Saturday, but it really exemplifies that small group of women, led by Doris McCann, who came together in 1980 to tend to the needs of the elderly and sick in Haliburton County. ■

Opposite page: Scotty Morrison gives Ev Stata a much deserved hug. Above left: Val Smith and friends take a ride. Above right: Judy Wilkins-McCann accepts a plaque in memory of Community Care founder Doris McCann At left Community Care supporters enjoy the ride

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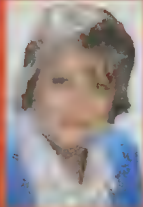
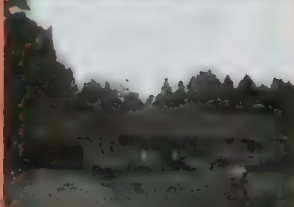
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Perfect retirement or family home in lovely neighbourhood, close to St. Sandford Fleming College and town of Haliburton. Great neighbours! Approx. 1900sqft plus partially finished basement and garage. Presently a two bedroom home (3rd bedroom is office and reading area off master bedroom) however, sellers will convert this 15' X 10' area back into a 3rd bedroom prior to closing. Features include 2-4 pce baths (1 ensuite off master) and 1-2 pce/laundry room off of breezeway, 11' X 28' pine sunroom w/ walkout and propane fireplace, kitchen, separate diningroom w/ walkout, spacious livingroom w/ wood burning fireplace. Central air, central vac. Partially finished basement (presently artist studio), storage room. Roof rehung in 2009. Flat and spacious 166' X 149' lot with private backyard. Paved driveway, 22' X 24' attached garage

**Haliburton Lake - \$345,000**

New Price - Seller Relocating - This cozy and renovated 4 season, 2 bedroom cottage/home with full insulated basement is definitely a must see. Features and upgrades since 1998 include wrap around upper deck, lakeside lower deck, pine kitchen cupboards (2010), windows replaced in 2009, central air, drilled well, upgraded septic and tile bed, siding, steel roof, updated oil tank in 2005, updated furnace in 1998, insulated above ground basement w/ some drywall/two walkouts to name a few. Very spacious and private lot w/ 100' and fabulous view. Lot is slightly elevated w/ gentle access to clean shoreline that offers sandy area or deep shore. Located on lovely bay on Haliburton Lake and on quiet dead end road. The full walkout basement offers room to develop an area or more sleeping area

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ext. 33**All Brick Bungalow - \$199,900**

This will keep solid brick bungalow is conveniently located minutes from Minden w/year round access & Minden Lake access close by. 3 Bdrms, 2 baths and features oak kitchen w/ceramics, 2 propane fireplaces, full finished basement, propane hot water tank, & attached garage. Recent upgrades include shingles, septic, windows & exterior doors. Set on almost 1 ACRE and a big private backyard, hot tub & above ground pool. Call to have a look.

**South Lake - \$399,000**

Gorgeous yr round access, minutes to Minden on a big private lot over .6 ac with 150 ft of clean rock shelf & sand frontage, dead level. Beautiful & bright main cottage includes 3 bdrms, living/dining/kitchen combo. Throw in main fir laundry, 2pc bath and screened porch. Extensive decking leads to a self contained bunkie w/ separate 3 pc bath then out to the back yard where you'll find a 2 1/2 detached garage and another out building set up like a small res hall or games rm. Tons of charm and very well cared for. Call Denise

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Enjoy this Custom Built Viceroy Style Cottage/Home. Open concept main rooms allow for great entertaining. 3 bedrooms, plus a finished family room on the lower level with wet bar. A large gazebo overlooks the lake. A one slip covered boathouse /bunkie(kitchen & living room, bedroom /bath) all beside a fabulous protected beach area. This property has that Algonquin look with rock and pine trees. Oh!!! Did I mention all on 3 lake chain and glorious sunsets.

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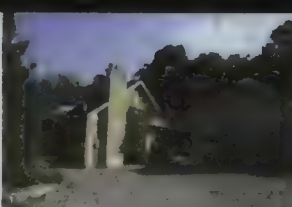
Charming log/frame cottage/home on fabulous level lot w/ sand beach and only 1.76 acre lot/big lk view/good privacy. This 2BR/2 bath cot. features renovated kit w/ cupboards & pine ceiling (2006) bright LR with river rock stone flots of windows & pic w/c pine walls, lg log fam rm laundry rm could be converted to 3rd BR. Pine ceilings & floors in most of home & pine int. doors. Other features include log & cedar ext. lg lakeside deck off home & at shore. Good docks, circ. drive, high speed internet. Presently bunkie w/loft being used as workshop but could be converted to sleep bunkie. Percy Lk is a quiet, sparsely populated lk known for its clear & clean water & great fishing! Call for viewing appt.

**Paradise Lake - \$129,000**

Located just east of Haliburton, this 3 bedroom home is on a level lot right across the road from Paradise Lake and access to the lake on a 66 ft road allowance. The 1.5 car garage is an excellent workshop with storage loft above. There have been many upgrades to the house in the last couple of years including furnace and hot water tank

**Jess & Jeff Wilson**
Haliburton Office
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ext. 233**Kennaway Lake - \$329,000**

Just bring your toothbrush! This 4 season cottage on tranquil Kennaway Lake is a polished gem updated with an appreciation for the details. Includes most furniture, cushions, dishes, new towels and bed linens, small and large stainless steel appliances and is fully equipped for all 4 seasons with a snowmobile, boat, bikes and canoe. 1008sqft main cottage plus a bunkie with 2 double beds means you can comfortably sleep 8+. Own your own magazine cottage with west exposure for sun well into the evenings!

**Residential - \$319,000**

You don't want to let this turn key home pass you by. This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is in a quiet and prestigious area. Modern open concept living area has 9' ceilings with skylights over the kitchen allowing for natural sunlight. Generously sized bedrooms, master has walk-in closet and a 4 piece ensuite. The main floor has maple hardwood and ceramic throughout, wood burning fireplace on main floor and propane insert in the basement. This tastefully decorated home also features a fully finished basement.

**Karen Wood**
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ext. 39**Irondale - \$129,000**

Very private lot fronting on Irondale River. 2 Bedroom cottage, open concept - finish it your way! Perfect for the handyman! Very level lot, easy access on Hwy 503 between Irondale and Gooderham. 164 ft of water frontage - put your canoe in and enjoy the ride.

**Beech River Lot - \$119,900**

Located on quiet Beech River, at the widest point, with easy boating access to Big/Little Boshkung and Twelve Mile Lakes. Enjoy beautiful sunsets and great fishing. Located on a dead end road that leads to Beech River walking trail. Close to snowmobile trails, 15 minutes to Minden or 25 minutes to Haliburton. Beautifully treed with majestic pines, lovely view. This lot is partially cleared with driveway in, site inspection report for sewage permit is available. Build your retreat here!

**Ken* Barry**
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ext. 228**Haliburton Lake - \$329,900**

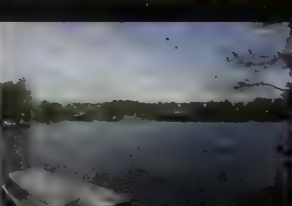
Level, well treed lot with privacy facing south on one of Haliburton's finest lakes. Large cottage with open kitchen/dining/living room concept. Year round township road. Good swimming with deep water off the dock, sandy shoreline and 136' frontage. Fully equipped cottage ready to enjoy.

**Ross Lake - \$229,900**

Privately located cute & cozy cottage with a moderately sloping driveway down to the cottage with a beautiful, level lot to the south facing lakefront with 200' of frontage. The cottage is open and bright and comes fully furnished and with all appliances.

**Linda* Baumgartner & Troy Austen**
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ext. 231**Cardiff Lake - \$299,000**

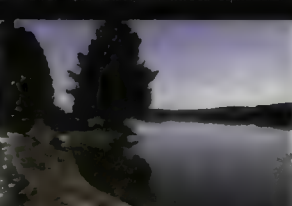
Large home on 28 acres at Cardiff Lake between Wilberforce and Harcourt. European style. Ideal for large family. Lower level would be Great for a Granny or In-Law Suite. 3000sf on 2 levels. Spacious rooms, closets, Lots of potential with some updating.

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Century farmhouse on 78 acres built in 1899. One building on the property was built in 1838. The barn was built in 1918. Barn foundation needs some work. New roof on house. Large 2 story home with 4 bedrooms and lots of character. Huge living room and separate main floor family room with a wood stove.

**Hall's Lake - \$349,900**

Well built cottage or home with an exceptional view of Hall's Lake. This home was built in 1947 and was well known on the lake as Cummins Cottages. Features include four bedrooms, a full basement (which includes a cold room) and an attached garage for additional storage. The lot has a park like setting and a great flat beach area across the road. There are also two cabins to the rear of the property that need some tender loving care.

**Marilyn Hawley**
Haliburton
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ext. 237**Close to Town - \$279,000**

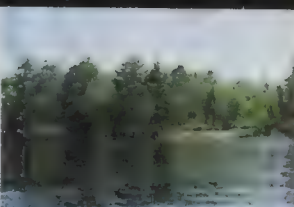
This bright and spacious 3+1 bedroom home is beautifully landscaped with a waterfall, perennial gardens and privacy all just outside of town. Livingroom has cathedral ceiling with skylights with walkout onto a large deck. Two full baths, one with Jacuzzi tub, large kitchen/dining room with walkout to backyard and a great rec room downstairs. New high-efficiency propane furnace keeps utility costs to a minimum.

**5-Lake Chain - \$724,999**

Cozy but roomy, this cottage or home is perfect for family or entertaining. Warm pine cathedral ceilings, hardwood and tile floors, custom kitchen cabinets and backsplash complete rooms that are impeccably decorated. Luxurious master bedroom with whirlpool tub overlooking the lake make it a place for relaxation. With a level lot, wonderful dock and hard packed sand everyone can enjoy the waterfront. All this easily accessible from a municipal road and just minutes to Minden and Haliburton.

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**Drag River - \$179,000**

A charming 3 bdrm. home/cottage, with plenty of level area for the kids to play, set on a great canoeing/kayaking route. Features include; laminate floors, FAO furnace, large deck with awning, uv water system and a shed for your outdoor equipment.

**Peter* Brady**
Haliburton
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ext. 234**Dreaming of your Own Lake - \$879,000**

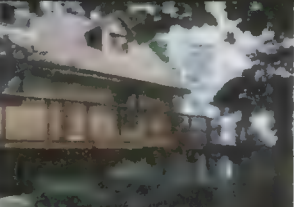
You must see this fabulous property - 270 Acres of rolling trails & complete Privacy to do your own thing around on and in your very own lake! All this with a charming home and right in Carnarvon for only \$879,000!

**Kashagawigamog Estate - \$965,000**

This spectacular 4.34 acre Kashagawigamog waterfront is the finest example of country living today. Relax on the covered front porch, wander across the expansive lawns or beside the boathouse to appreciate the breathtaking views and ultimate privacy that 332 feet of family friendly waterfront afford.

**Ted Vasey**
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ext. 223**Boshkung Lake - \$399,000**1072 Lowery Lane
Level lot with 100 ft. of sand beach - bright and open well maintained cottage with 950 sq. ft. - w/o kitchen to deck - w/o living room to deck - fireplace - 3 bedrooms - 3 pc. Bath - septic (2001) - well - garage - beautiful view - year round road**12 Mile Lake - \$329,900**1940 12 Mile Lake Road
Beautiful level lot with 100 ft. of sandy shoreline - traditional 3 season cottage very well maintained - open concept living with cozy kitchen - fireplace in living room - 2 bedrooms plus utility room or 3rd bedroom - 4 pc. Bath - septic - lake front deck off living room - year round road - fabulous view over the lake from here.**Terry Carr**
Haliburton
Office
457-1011
ext. 236**Home OR Cottage - \$225,000**

This 4 season home or cottage is perfectly located to give you a view of beautiful Kushog Lake! This bright 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers a large kitchen/dining area and great living room with oak cabinetry, pot lights, and a front porch for hours of relaxation. Located on 2.13 acres, partially wooded, with tons of privacy.

**Two Properties For One Price - \$699,000**

Room for the whole family! Cozy and bright cottage or home with huge deck overlooking a spectacular lake view. Combination waterfront with two separate dock areas as well as a lakefront entertainment deck. A large, low maintenance well treed lot with dramatic rock faces and perennial gardens. A double detached garage, heated and insulated includes a fully appointed and independently serviced, 2 bedroom guesthouse backing on hardwood bush with trails throughout. A granite patio with fire pit completes the landscaping. THE PLUS - a separately deeded waterfront lot with clearing, driveway and acreage! Great value

**Tom** & Gail Tempest**
Minden
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286-2911
ext. 41**Stormy Lake - \$369,000**

Private and picturesque 160' lot on Stormy Lake with neat and tidy cottage nestled among the trees. This exceptional property also has a new 2 car garage for all the toys, plus a newly finished bunkie for those extra guests. Ownership of the shoreline is in process of registration.

**Highway 118 - \$129,000**

Very cute and charming country home conveniently located just outside of Carnarvon on Highway 118. Very private and heavily wooded. Home needs some cosmetic work inside in order to bring up to date.

**Vince* Duchene**
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**Spruce Lake - \$429,900**

Conveniently located just 5 minutes from Haliburton Village, this 3 bedroom cedar panabode log cottage has charm written all over it. Very cozy and warm, lots of wood inside, level lot, sand beach and a 2 lake chain, Spruce Lake and Drag Lake

**Rick Forget***, Iona Fevreau, Mary Hamden and Steve Pogue**
Wilberforce Office
448-2222**Wilberforce - \$136,500**

A lovely 2 bedroom retirement or starter home located 80' from public boat launch on the Grace River which connects to a two lake chain, Grace Lake and Dark Lake. Very quiet setting, well kept with upgrades done in 2008 and 2009, including flooring, painting, new furnace and oil tank, etc. Close to all amenities. Turn key.

**Harcourt - \$259,900**

Live life in the country with your own hobby farm. Situated on 17 acres with cleared fields and a 36' X 60' barn in great condition. The 2 bedroom home with oil furnace, central air, finished basement and double attached garage shows pride of ownership. Call today to check out this great property.

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A Focus on NHL's Haliburton connection – Duchene and Hodgson redux

Hockey season ramps up tonight

■ By: Terrance Gavan - Voice Sports

Two players seeking solace from the NHL's much too vaunted exhibition season.

Two players trying to put proper perspective on a preseason laced with challenge and questions.

Two players who cut their teeth in Haliburton's solid, celebrated and skill-inducing minor hockey system.

Two players intertwined and connected through Stan Butler's highly successful, NHL-churning Brampton Battalion major junior franchise.

One of those players - Haliburton's Hurricane Matt Duchene - will be centering the number two line of the Colorado Avalanche in his second NHL season.

And the other - Haliburton cottager Cody Hodgson - will be attempting to disengage himself from a logistical morass created by nagging back problems and some equally bedeviling public relation hassles with his parent club, the Vancouver Canucks. A little more on Cody later.

Duchene enters his second pro campaign trying to assuage a peculiar devil known by its Greek derivative as Sophomorus Cursus.

That's an apocryphal little Beelzebub that pundits like to haul out of Lucifer's closet whenever a rookie big leaguer has surpassed expectations during their first campaign.

For Duchene, that precociousness allowed him to be named as one of three candidates for the Rookie of the Year honors in the Calder Cup sweepstakes in the 2009-10 season.

That, plus the fact that the third overall 2009 entry draft phenom Duchene led all rookies in scoring - a list that included number one pick John Tavares - has some fans and even more pundits worried about the Avs disappointing exhibition campaign (2-5).

Overplump expectations?

Maybe, but there's no doubt that the decision to keep 18-year-old centers Duchene and Ryan O'Reilly should pay dividends this year. Both had breakout rookie campaigns and they come into 2010-11 knowing that they belong in the show; and with the Avs, a focused and multi-faceted young club.

Avs Denver Post beat writer Adrian Dater has been critical of the Avs overall play in the preseason, citing disappointing play of Duchene, O'Reilly and some of the more seasoned veterans.

"Well, the final cuts were made today (Oct 3) and players seemed relieved the preseason is now over," wrote Dater on Sunday. "The results on the ice (2-5, 11 goals scored) were less than stellar. But Matt Duchene and Chris Stewart, at least, aren't worried about that, or the near-term future."

Dater posted an interview with Duchene this week on his Youtube blog.

In the short dressing room interview Duchene told Dater that it was still early and that he had every confidence that the team will be ready for their home opener tonight (Thursday Sept 7) versus the defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago Black Hawks.

"We're definitely not happy with (our preseason play)," Duchene told Dater. "We gotta' be better and we will be better, and I think everyone's looking forward to Thursday night, and I know that it's hard to turn that switch on but I think this group can do it."

"It's one of those things; you're getting back into playing after in a game for the first time in three or four months and



that's the longest I've had off of hockey for a long time; and you know, it's just polishing up and practice and getting used to it and now that Thursday's on the way, everything means something now. It's going to be good. And getting back, even if we got off to a slow start, I'm confident that this team will be able to battle through and we'll come out of it."

We've heard it all before.

In fact, when Duchene was battling with a slow start last season, pundits and a round table of talking TSN heads opined that maybe another year back with Butler and the Brampton Battalion would have been better for the young third overall 2009 draft pick.

When questioned about that, Duchene never wavered.

He pointed to the fact that he was getting good chances and he told anyone that cared to listen that he felt confident that if he just kept playing his game and keeping those quick feet moving that things would turn around and that he would acclimate to the bigger bodies, offensive timing, the pro flow, and the better goaltending.

And how'd that turn out?

Duchene ended last season with a flourish, placing third in Avs scoring - 24 goals and 31 assists for 55 points - behind teammates Paul Stastny (79 pts) and Chris Stewart (65).

Now true believers in the sophomore jinx are wondering if Duchene can up the ante when it really counts.

Again, we refer to another former rookie Stevie Stamkos - erstwhile Tampa Bay Lightning superstar and last year's co-winner of the Maurice Richard trophy (with Sid Crosby) for most goals at 51 - who shook off any premonition of the lurking sophomore shudders with a vengeance.

Matt Duchene has said that he would be happy with another solid season.

Now, what's a solid season for Matt Duchene?

That's the really pressing question. Because Matt's take on success is surpassing.

Knowing Duchene, and his penchant for hard work, his preference for setting stringent standards, and his innate belief in his talents and potential, he may already have sights tuned on Stamkos's superb sophomore season.

Duchene is a team-first player and always has been, but if the success of the Avs rolls with his own personal output - and there are many pundits who believe that the Avs success this year hinges upon the success and play of both Stastny and Duchene - well, make no mistake that Duchene will be ready to slide into a leadership role.

Meanwhile, Cody Hodgson is attempting to fully immerse himself in the show, and is trying very hard to place any rancor that might have churned in the wake of Vancouver Canucks admission that they had misdiagnosed Hodgson's back problems. Gary Roberts, former player and now fitness guru, told the Canucks training staff that the bulk of Hodgson's problems rested not with a bulging disc, but with a muscle tear.

Hodgson came prepared for the full training camp, was placed on a low impact squad of walking wounded for the first week, and then made a somewhat startling intro to the regular preseason.

Pain free for the first time in 14 months, Hodgson turned some heads during the final week of preseason play.

In a Vancouver Province article that appeared shortly after the final cuts were posted some were surprised to see that Hodgson wasn't packing his bags for Winnipeg and the AHL's Moose.

"After Alain Vigneault recently wondered aloud if Hodgson would be better off playing 18-20 minutes with the Manitoba Moose rather than nine to 10 with the Vancouver Canucks, the centre of attention wasn't shipped to the minors Sunday," said the Province report. "A sign of interesting times or just more time for the coveted first-round pick to practice his game at this level and impress the coach?"

Vigneault said Sunday, "I think every day that Cody has been on the ice with the regular group he has improved. He seems to have more pop in his legs."

Hodgson didn't score a point in four preseason games, but as the Province reported, "the 10th overall pick in the 2008 NHL entry draft had nine shots and looked more like a prospect that a project Friday in a 4-2 win at Anaheim. He read plays better, kept up better and had a better grasp of what to do and where to do when he didn't have the puck. Maybe he needs a longer look this week. Maybe not."

"I know as much as you guys," said Hodgson, 20. "Obviously, I want to stay here as long as I can and it doesn't matter. I want to play hockey again and it doesn't matter if it's here or in Manitoba."

"Just being back on the ice and being able to skate again - it seems like a small thing, but to be able to shoot and pass makes you smile," he added. "I feel more and more comfortable every game. I don't want to say progressing, but I feel I'm getting better every game and more used to things and getting up to speed and staying in sync with everybody. "I'm being involved and getting to the spots and I'm learning a lot from these guys."

The Canucks play their season opener on Saturday versus the Kings, televised on CBC.

Like Duchene, Hodgson has a peculiar knack for surpassing expectations.

Will be interesting to see how both players progress this year.

McKeeks hot stove league will be following both players with interest.

In between beating themselves up with live coverage of the Leafs on 52-inch screens filled with "barely living color." Go Habs! ■

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Rob Lewis captures COSSA gold in golf

■ By: Terrance Gavan - Voice Sports

Golf's a funny game.

Sometimes it's hard to tell if you're playing the course or the course is playing you.

Some days it's a sunny stroll: spoiled.

And some days golf literally pops with poetry, like the bright red maple leaves strewn on dew-laden green fairways.

Rob Lewis, a young Hal High Red Hawk swinging prodigy, is as subject to the vagaries of this confounding game as most weekend warriors.

However, last Friday at the eloquent fairways of Port Hope's Dalewood Country Club - a tough par 71 6,400 yard track - Lewis experienced one of those Bagger Vance days.

He expunged demons; he narrowed sight lines; and he eschewed any thoughts of gusting winds and idle thoughts.

Old Bagger woulda' been dancin' along the beach.

Lewis put together one of the best rounds of his young career.

And more important, he did it with the heat on and the water bubbling on the stove.

Lewis shot a spellbinding 75 and earned the respect and praise of his coach Paul Longo who was absolutely ecstatic with his young protégé's play last week.

His 75 was the second best round of the day says Longo, but the 74 score was posted as part of the team event, and thus Lewis who was golfing as a single - his Hal High teammates were eliminated in the Kawartha play downs - was awarded low round and an automatic entry into the prestigious OFSAA play downs slated for the Barrie Country Club next Wednesday and Thursday (Oct 13-14).

"He played really well," says Longo. "The course plays tough and there was a stiff wind for most of the round, so we're really proud of him and I know he's pretty happy."

Longo says that the gold medal performance is made even more poignant by the fact that Lewis is only in Grade 10, meaning that he's got two more years to anchor Hal High's links team.

Now that youth factor may come into play next week in Barrie where most of the golfers that Lewis will be facing - among the 100 or so competitors province-wide - will be in grade juniors or seniors.

But after watching Lewis's performance on Friday Longo has no doubt that he'll be equal to the task.

He adds that Lewis has been under the tutelage of Ken Rosenberg working out of the Pinestone Resort here in Haliburton.

"Kenny and Rob have been working together for a couple of years now," he adds.

Longo says that Lewis came out if not with a chip on his shoulder, at least with something to prove after just missing the OFSAA cut last year.

"He's just a really nice young man, and his goal was to be there (OFSAA) this year," says Longo. "He was only a few shots off last year and he had it in his mind to be there this year."

We might call that mission accomplished, but Longo says that he's not there just to participate; Lewis is there to play the rounds of his life.

"I think he'll be out playing every night this week and he and his dad may make a trip to Barrie on Thanksgiving weekend," adds Longo. "He's allowed to go play a practice

round on Tuesday, but that would entail taking another day off school."

Longo is hoping that the weather cooperates and has been scanning the long range forecast since last Friday night.

"We're hoping for two nice days," says the coach.

And Lewis will be hoping for another two of those "walk in the sunshine" rounds.

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Rob Lewis off to OFSAA after capturing COSSA gold medal

Central Ontario Wolves train in Haliburton: thanks to the sponsors

The Central Ontario Wolves hockey association Major PeeWee AAA team had a great time training in Haliburton last month. Seventeen players participated in a pre-season training camp using the ice in Haliburton



(10 hours in total) and staying at a cottage nearby on Clear Lake.

The boys on the team, including locals Noah Dollo and Joel Fedeski, came from as far away as Bewdley, Uxbridge, Port Perry. They play together from the middle of August through to the end of March. Their home games are throughout central Ontario and away games are as far as Barrie and Kingston. The whole team was treated very well by the arena staff and were fortunate to have the following local businesses help support them with ice sponsorships: Floyd Hall Insurance, Emmerson Lumber, Bishop & Rogers, Algonquin Teak, Roberts Austin Fuels, Dollo's Foodland, Dr. Smolen, Ted Vasey - Remax, Tom Prentice & Sons and Boshkung Tree Service. MapleLeaf Foods was also generous in supplying meat for the entire weekend. Thanks you to the town and the sponsors for a wonderful experience, we will do it again next year. ■

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Basketball Hawks on a learning curve

■ By: Terrance Gavan -
Voice Sports

Coaches Sharon Dibblee and Brett Caputo are doubling their efforts with the senior and junior girls basketball clubs this season.

Remember the old saw about the whole being greater than the sum of the parts?

So rests the fortunes of the Hal High girls' hoops squads this season.

Dibblee says that she and Caputo are acting in tandem this season.

There was some doubt whether the senior girls could even find enough girls to field a squad this season.

But some late recruits, including three newcomers to the sport allowed the Hawks seniors to cobble enough parts to fill the roster.

And despite two frustrating losses against Fenelon Falls last Wednesday Dibblee says her girls are not dwelling on the past.

Unfortunately says Dibblee, the vagaries of the league this season means that the senior girls will be playing exclusively against Triple-A squads.

That's not a great scenario, but it really hurts a squad that is working, as the Hawks are, with incoming players that have not really been exposed to the sport at any level.

"We only had three returning players," says Dibblee. "We have four girls who have never played before and two girls who moved up from junior."

Both St. Thomas and Brock are Double A clubs who had similar problems fielding senior girls hoops squads, leaving Hal High as



Junior Casey Pringle drives to the hoop in Junior action VS. Fenelon Falls

the lone AA team in the Kawartha West. Of course that would be good news if the girls were guaranteed a spot in the Kawartha playdowns, but that's not the way it works when there's only one AA team in the league.

The Hawks will be placed in a wild card pool and will have to earn the right to play in the Kawartha Zone playdowns.

Of course that's not the primary thing on Dibblee and Caputo's minds this year.

They're attempting to get some exhibition games from some Double-A schools and they played Gravenhurst yesterday as part of that campaign to prepare against teams of equivalent talents.

Two heads are better than one and both Caputo and Dibblee are sharing in the coaching chores for both teams.

The teams have played two games thus far into

the season and are both at 0-2.

As reported in teacher Judi Paul's weekly sports update both teams are making inroads.

In their season opener the junior girls' hoops team lost 26-13 against I.E. Weldon Wildcats. Tough, offensive play created many scoring opportunities and a strong defence held the Wildcats to a very respectable 13 point margin.

The senior girls' held I.E. Weldon to 12 second half points.

The senior girls' basketball team continued to improve with every quarter against Fenelon Falls. They fell behind early but played a tenacious defensive game in the second half to hold the Falcons to 12 points.

The juniors won the fourth quarter against Fenelon, but they fell to a tall and loaded Fenelon Falls squad.

Stellar performances were recorded from sparkplug point guard Casey Pringle, and forwards Jaimie Dack, Jessica Rider, and Bailey Walker.

The junior girls jump up against St Thomas Aquinas today at the Hawks' Nest. Game time is 3 pm. ■

Highland Storm week one round up

The Highland Storm Atom AE's captured their second win in a row this past Saturday in Minden, handing the Huntsville Otters a 6-1 loss. Despite the score, the team started tentatively with the game being even at one after the first period and were forced to kill off several penalties in the 2nd and 3rd period. The team came up big with a strong penalty killing effort though, and some fine saves by Carson Sisson in net.

Goal scorers were Sean Walker, Ben Schmit with two & Alex Petrie with the hat-trick. Assists by: Ryan Prentice with 3, Jaxson Campbell, 2, and singles by Bo Stevenson, Noah Black and Jake O'Neill.

Thanks to Floyd Hall Insurance for sponsoring the boys. The Atoms AE's have two games this weekend; the first is on Saturday at 2:30 in Port Carling and against Post Carling again on Sunday, October 10th at 1:30 in Haliburton. Be sure to come see what promises to be another exciting year!

Storm Bantam A skate to 6 - 1 win over Gravenhurst.

In their season opener the Highland Storm Bantam As, sponsored by G.J. Burtch Construction, skated hard to a 6 - 1 win over the Gravenhurst Flames. Defenseman (and team captain) Jacob Sisson scored first on a beautiful end-to-end rush: shortly afterwards Braydin Hollows made it 2 - 0 before Tom Paul scored two in a row. The Storm rounded out the scoring with two more from Connor Bird and Devon Upton.

This weekend the Storm hosts Parry Sound on Saturday in Haliburton at 1 pm, and Bracebridge Bantam As at 2:30 in Minden. GO STORM! □

Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House Highland Storm Novice Team were defeated by the Huntsville Otters Novice Team 5-1 on Saturday afternoon.

The Novice's next game will be Thursday Oct 7th at 7pm @ Port Carling.

Pee A's defeat Gravenhurst
Submitted by Monica Keefer
Minden PharmaSave Pee wee A's defeated Gravenhurst in Minden on Oct 3rd. Congratulations to Austen McKay and all the boys for a 4-0 shut-out. The Minden PharmaSave Pee wee A's play again on Oct 9th in Haliburton against Parry Sound. Come cheer on the boys!

Minden PharmaSave's Pee wee A's played game 1 in Bracebridge on Oct 2nd. Starting out strong we were defeated 8-4 against the Bracebridge Bears. Minden PharmaSave Pee wee A's face off against Gravenhurst in Minden Oct 3 at 4pm

The Highland Storm Pee wee AE's (sponsored by Randy's Tree Care and Landscaping) started the new season with their first game at home in Haliburton on Saturday Oct 2/10 against the Huntsville Otters. The home crowd watched with some apprehension as the Storm took to the ice for their first time as a team, but that was soon put to rest as the boys dominated the ice in the oppositions end. This resulted in the first goal being scored by Max MacNaull assisted by Drew VanLieshout. Despite the great play the Otters tied the game in the second period then pulled ahead with a short handed goal. The Storm could not buy a goal and lost 2-1. The team headed to Port Carling on Sunday for their second game of the weekend. This game proved that our boys play as a team, winning 8-0, a shut-out for goalie Parker Smolen! Goals going to Mac Rider, Jake Bull, Mitch Billings, Greg Crofts(2), Max MacNaull, Ethan Cooper(2) and assists, Mitch Billings, John Morrison(2), Mac Rider(3), Tim Burgess(2), Jake Bull, Reagan Casey, and Greg Crofts(2) and to the other two members of the team, Josh Rowden and Alex Wilbee whose hard work on the ice contributed to their team members getting the points and the goalie his shut-out. Our next home games are a double-header against Parry Sound in Haliburton, first game is at 10:30 am and then at 3pm, both games in Haliburton. Come on out for some good Canadian fun and cheer our boys on.

A Community Energy Opportunity

Submitted by Abby Xerri

Candidate for Council, Ward 1, Minden Hills

Ontario's Feed-In Tariff (FIT) Program is North America's first comprehensive guaranteed pricing structure for renewable electricity production. It offers stable prices under long-term contracts for energy generated from renewable sources, including solar photovoltaic (solar energy).

"The Haliburton Highlands has great potential for production of power through solar energy." (Clean Development Group, Haliburton, 2010). As Councillor for Ward 1, I will work with Haliburton Highlands to submit a Minden Hills application for funding under this program and support Minden Hills in a leadership role.

The FIT program is a great incentive to initiate community-scale solar energy generation:

- Solar systems are paid a fixed price for the hydro it produces for the next 20 years
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- Loans and grants are available to assist with community-based renewable energy infrastructures

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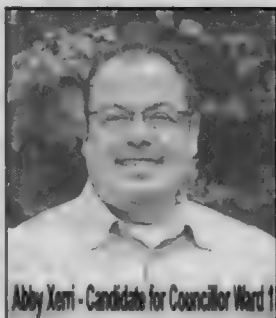
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- Minden Hills will reduce its environmental impact.
- Minden Hills will be a leader by helping neighbouring communities benefit from the FIT program

Minden Hills pays full rates for hydro right now. With a community-shared solar energy system under the FIT program, the Ontario Hydro Authority will pay Minden Hills for the hydro we produce. I recommend our municipal leaders investigate the potential the Provincial Government has created for our community through this program.

To quote Andy Campbell from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) "Haliburton County residents have shown their interest and support for the Green Economy by attending workshops to learn more about alternative energy solutions. Imagine if we could get all the local governments and institutions to invest in this technology. This would demonstrate our commitment, recapture the investment then begin producing revenue. This would be a nice legacy to leave to our children."

As a member of Council I will be a champion for this program and work on other revenue generating, community building initiatives.

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Abby Xerri - Candidate for Councillor Ward 1

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Junior Hawks fall to Campbellford Flames

■ By: Terrance Gavan - Voice Sports

Junior football coach Bruce Griffith is used to the ebb and flow of junior football.

With no rep league extant in the Highlands, Griff and his assistant coach Ed Tait have become accustomed to welcoming green recruits into the program, kids who quite literally have to be shown how to don the implements of gridiron wars.

Last Friday, that learning curve was highlighted once again.

The Hawks lost 19-6 to Campbellford High School and after a 9-6 loss in their home opener versus Kenner, the struggling Hawks are staring at a 0-2 start, and with perennial powerhouse Holy Cross coming to town today, well, it just ain't gonna' get any easier.

Worse yet, the Hawks newcomer Cooper Sherlock dislocated a shoulder in the game and will be lost for the season.

Griffith was probably sporting the sardonic smile of the long-suffering coach when I contacted him by phone last Monday.

He may be a little frustrated, but with a team made up of a large complement of grade nine players, he knows that what goes around comes back again.

He says that last Friday's road loss was no fluke.

"They've (CHS Flames) got a great team," smiles Griffith. "And we knew what they were going to do."

They're big and their offensive line is huge and they basically just ran the ball at us."

He adds that the Hawks are starting lots of grade nine players and he's also trying to give everyone playing time and at present only Louis Ferracuti and Riley Tait were playing both ways.

He said that once again it was Ferracuti setting the tone.

The second year Hawk has played rep league ball in Bancroft since Grade 7 and that added spritz of experience has allowed the plucky young player to excel on both sides of the ball.

"Louis was our player of the game once again and he led the team in both tackles and rushing yards," says Griffith.

Tait had to be called in to play fullback when Sherlock went down. "He played fullback and linebacker and really played well," said Griffith.

He adds that the Flames quarterback basically went two ways and never left the field. "He was fast and skilled and they were big, so our guys were pretty beat up after the game."

Once again the Hawks took a lot of penalties and Griffith adds that the coaches will be addressing that deficiency in the lead up to today's big match up against the Holy Cross Hurricanes this afternoon on Brohman Field (3:30 pm with Seniors at 1:30 pm).

Highlight of the game was a 70 yard full throttle punt return by special teams' player Gage Shelley.

"It's going to be a tough game (Holy Cross)," said Griffith. "They'll have five or six coaches on the sideline and a lot of players that have played football before in other leagues." ■

Hawks douse Campbellford Flames 41-0 run record to two and oh my

■ By: Terrance Gavan - Voice Sports

There are twin wins.

And then there are "Twin-Wins!"

The former is nice, but the latter is exclamationary.

Especially noteworthy when, like the Red Hawks senior football squad, your twin wins consist of the following: Points for - 81. Points against - squadoche. That's Pardon the Interruption for ZERO.

The Hawks' apparently prepossessing juggernaut dispatched Kenner Rams 40-0 in their first contest last Tuesday (Sept 28), and then travelled to Campbellford last Friday where they unleashed a similarly spectacular 41-0 thumping of the Flames.

Coaches Derek Little and Rob Davies were quite pumped after practice on Monday.

"I think the offensive line dominated and played really well in the first quarter," says Little.

Basically they used the tried and true formula that includes much ado about something.

To wit: The formulaic precision of quarterback Scott Griffith handing the ball to tail back Tyler Wood worked its magic once again.

Wood scored twice, and Nick Freeman - called into duty at fullback when Jesse Walker broke a wrist - also parlayed two runs for TDs.

Drew Paul scored the other touchdown, while phenom Jesse Lefebvre converted on all five TDs and added two field goals.

Little is particularly impressed with the strong presence of Lefebvre, a converted soccer player, who has shown remarkable accuracy this season. He never missed a kick in their opener and he was perfect again last Friday.

"Scott (Griffith) threw the ball a little, but when asked he threw the ball well," says Little, who adds that the team encountered some brain cramps in the second quarter, a faux pas that he addressed at half time.

"We went into a lull and had too many second quarter mental mistakes; and whether it was a fact that the game was so one-sided, I'm not sure, but it wasn't acceptable," explains Little. "Our half time chat was not pleasant, and after we came out in the third quarter we marched about 60 yards down the field. They came out in the second half and we dominated the line of scrimmage for the rest of the game."

So what's next?

Well, we'll see sometime this afternoon when the Hawks face their toughest matchup of the season, a showdown against the equally undefeated Holy Cross Hurricanes.

And when the Hurricanes blow into Haliburton it's always cause for some excitement.

Hawks field hockey - unbeatable

■ By: Terrance Gavan - Voice Sports

Sometimes the stats don't tell the real story.

And sometimes - as in the prepossessing statistical outpouring currently being writ large by Hal High Red Hawks women's varsity field hockey team - stats remain as the only way to properly place a season in perspective.

So here's the deal.

In nine games - including seven played at Ottawa's Sir Robert Borden Tournament last weekend - the Hawks are 3-0 in league play, and 8-1 overall. (Their only blemish coming by way of a controversial 0-0 [2-1] shootout loss to North

See photos on page 23

Hastings in the tourney final.)

Impressive?

Of course.

But not nearly as impressive as the overall line.

The Hawks are 41-0 in the won-loss column.

And really that's pretty darn eye-popping, even for the most skeptical deniers of statistical efficacy.

Last Tuesday afternoon (Oct 5) the Hawks crumpled visiting Thomas A Stewart 6-0.

Lindsey Pogue led the scoring parade with a pair while, Brittany Howe, Grace Diezel, Sandy Griffith, and Vicky Bukta all struck once.

Thus the coaching staff Derek Little and Davies held the boys a little later on the practice field last Monday.

Little says that he and Davies are both attempting to impress upon their charges that 81 and zero means nothing.

Not when the perennial powerhouse is next up on the to-do list.

"As always they'll be a very well-prepared team, well-coached and ready to play," says Little.

They've done a little scouting and know that Holy Cross will be relying on the passing and running of a very talented pivot.

"Holy Cross likes to throw the ball, but they don't physically dominate you," says Little. "This year we know that their quarterback throws the ball quite well. Our corners

are going to have to step up and our linebackers are going to play over their head.

"Offensively we're fairly big and our offensive lineman can dominate. We understand that they're going to scout us the way we scout them. Our goal is how do we put together an offense to utilize our big men up front. We're going to have to look for ways to spread them out."

Extra points: St Mary's (Cobourg) has dropped out of league play after just one game, so the Hawks will earn a bye and a victory in next week's scheduled home game. That means that this afternoon's contest will be the senior's last home game of the season. But of course they're hoping to host a playoff game. ■

Proposal for a Minden Hills Centre of Excellence for Best Building Practices for Rural Canada (Centre of Excellence)

The concept for a Centre of Excellence has been discussed with a variety of people including consumers, lawyers, contractors, property managers and trades people. It has been well received and there is support for pursuing the idea.

Proposed Vision and Mandate

Vision

The proposed vision for the Minden Hills Centre of Excellence is "to create a first-rate institute dedicated to developing best business practices for construction for rural Ontario and Canada".

Mandate

The proposed mandate is:

- To deliver construction (new and renovations) education and training for consumers, contractors, trades people, professionals and governing authorities of the building trades field in rural Ontario and Canada.
- To strengthen the partnerships and relationships between consumers and service providers and governing authorities.
- To enhance and standardize the minimum requirements that must be made before a rural building permit is issued.
- In collaboration with other training organizations, to provide education and skills upgrading opportunities for skilled trades, apprenticeships, project managers, property owners, building officials and professionals.
- Provide information and advice on the gaps and grey areas of governing bodies such as Building Codes, Electrical Safety Authorities, etc.
- To develop best building business practices and certification program to ensure consumers and suppliers of building services are aware of their rights, obligations and risks associated with construction.
- To fill gaps between apprenticeship programs.
- To create jobs and enhance the reputation of Minden Hills as a leader in innovation.



Abby Xerri - Running for Councillor Ward 1

An application for funding by the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) is being prepared to research and develop the concept, formalize support with academic organizations and governing bodies and survey stakeholders for support. Given the impact Mike Holmes has made with his "Holmes on Homes" exposés on building practices, broad support for the initiative is anticipated.

As a member of Council, I will be a champion for this proposal and will work on other revenue generating, community building initiatives.

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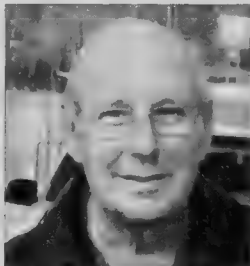
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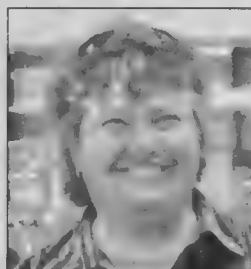
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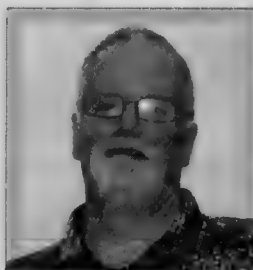


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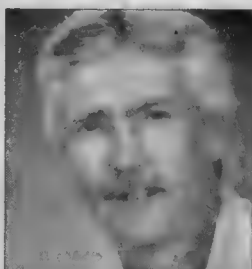
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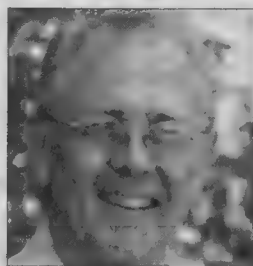


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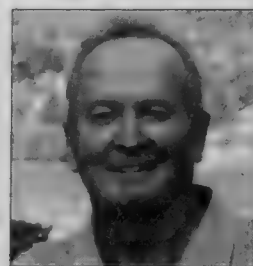
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Varsity girls continue their unrelenting roll – to an ultimate goal

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It was just another case of wholesale domination - poetry in motion.

The Hawks obviously have a potent offensive attack, but it's an offense that begins with the pinching play of a very solid defense.

Caley Sisson, the erstwhile mastermind and mentor behind this fledgling juggernaut has a pretty simple explanation for this stellar start on an unprecedented season.

"We're on a mission," smiles

Sisson. "The core of the team participated in the Ontario Summer Games, placing 4th in the province. Ten of the 15 players I coached in junior last year; and they were the Kawartha Champions. The other five players are returning COSSA champions from last year's varsity team coached by Paul (Morissette).

"Our goals for the season: to be Kawartha Champions, COSSA Champions and compete at OFSAA again - placing in the top 12. I am very optimistic about this team; the girls are extremely dedicated - practicing five days a week and weekly throughout the summer. I'm confident in their abilities and we have set realistic goals that can be obtained with hard work, determination and consistent effort - all of which the girls demonstrate on a daily basis."

They won their home opener against Holy Cross 3-0 - goals by Diezel, Lucy Belli, Pogue - and followed that up with a 6-0 drubbing of Crestwood Secondary.

Diezel nailed a hat trick and Pogue popped a pair with a singles tally from Tara O'Sullivan.

In the Borden tourney the line was just as impressive. They defeated Bell High 6-0 in their opener (Goals to Griffith, Pogue (2), Grace Diezel (2), and Laura Pottier. They drifted by Maxwell HS 8-0. (Goals by Pogue (2), Grace Diezel (3), Jillian Mayhew, Ali Hicks and Griffith)

Hawks crunched North Toronto 7-0 in their third game of the round robin on the basis of a stunning four goal performance by Griffith. Singles went to Diezel, Mayhew and Pottier.

They defeated Earl of March 4-0 on goals by Diezel, Pogue, Griffith, and Brittany Howe.



Sandy Griffith on a try for goal

The rolling Hawks then edged out Nepean's Merivale High School 1-0 in the tourney semi-final on the basis of a Diezel timely tally.

And in the final the girls played Hastings to a draw before finally succumbing 2-1 in penalties.

"The Game was 0-0 at the end of the 30 minutes, sending us to sudden death penalty strokes," says Sisson. "Sandy Griffith scored and one goal was denied (Pogue's try). It crossed the goal line, but it was unfortunately missed by the umpire."

The Red Hawks are on the pitch this afternoon versus St Thomas.

They'll be sharing home games with both football teams.

Do yourself a favour and step lively over to the pitch just behind the basketball courts.

It may offer a little eye-opening shuck and jive to some history in the making.

And for Sisson?

Encore?

"Our season is going very well," says the coach, who remains very workmanlike and capable in her approach. "If we continue with the same intensity and team cohesion, the rest will fall into place."

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Brigitta and Ali Hicks at work

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Minden Hills – Municipal Summary

■ By: Liz Danielsen - Reporter

Consideration of South Lake Development Ongoing

Last Thursday the Minden Hills Council was scheduled to hold a public meeting to further consider the Threebrooks Estates condominium development on South Lake. In fact, the meeting became more of a public information session with Reeve Jim McMahon explaining that not all of the relevant documentation was available to proceed with the statutory requirements of a public meeting.

McMahon advised the public that the meeting would provide an additional opportunity for input and that a further meeting would be held at the County level.

In response to concerns raised by local Hamilton Road property owner Kay Moore about the number of units to be developed and whether or not they met the requirement for 200 foot frontage and minimum one acre lot size, the municipality's planner Heather Sadler confirmed that rather than the 15 units originally advertised there would be 12 condominium units developed, leaving a parcel of vacant land to the east. Sadler also advised the public that it was the individual units that were being recognized rather than the lots themselves, given that the lots do not meet the minimum requirements.

Sadler said that there were sufficient common lands included in the development proposal to meet the overall requirements of land for the number of units being proposed. She clarified that the original application had been proposed as staggered ownership of 15 units, but the market had dictated the change to 12 condominium units.

Sadler further clarified that the two separate severance applications being considered were completely separate applications for adjacent lands. The developer's planner Rick Hunter confirmed that the severed lots did not form part of the original application and would conform to all of the minimum requirements.

Further questions and concerns about the size of the lots were raised by Randy Cook, also of Hamilton Road. Sadler added that the total area of the development was 4.9 hectares. She said, "This is a change from the typical required frontage but the overall common land indicates that the development will not be too dense."

Acknowledging the fact that the land totals 10 acres for 12 units, Sadler admitted that there are more units in place on the shoreline than what would normally be allowed."

Cook also asked if old living quarters left from the original Silver Birches Resort would remain in place, but was assured by the owner of Threebrooks Estates that the building would be demolished once construction was complete.

Township Receives Kudos for E-waste Management

Representatives from Global Electric Electronic Processing Inc. (or GEEP) were on hand to present a plaque and payment for \$700 to the Minden Hills Council as a result of an extremely successful e-waste day.

Environmental and Property Operations Manager Peter Brown said, "In the history of the township there has never been an e-waste day until this year."

And what an day it was. As a result of Council's decision to implement an e-waste day, residents brought in almost 46,000 pounds of e-waste which far exceeded Brown's estimates. Brown said that the municipality had successfully diverted the equivalent of six large garbage containers full of electronic waste.



Wallis McKay presents plaque to Jim McMahon

Wallace McKay from GEEP told the Council that it was truly a pleasure to be able to talk about recycling initiatives in such a beautiful area. McKay thanked Brown for his efforts to make the day such a success.

On accepting the plaque, McMahon said that waste management was one of the municipality's success stories. He added that he felt the municipality should continue to provide an e-waste container on an ongoing basis.

Councillor Barbara Reid asked McKay if it would be better to have a bin for regular e-waste disposal, or to continue to hold special events. McKay recommended a combination of both, in that a bin was very convenient, but special events brought in school kids, who are often the ones to generate this kind of activity.

McKay also commented that the amount of e-waste collected was extremely impressive and a solid indication of a community can come together with a common goal.

Resident Says Township Ignoring Local Concerns

It is rare to see a complaint to Council issued in such a diplomatic manner, but long time resident Linda Kellett managed to be as diplomatic as they come when making a complaint about standing water that appears to have been diverted onto her property as a result of work done by the municipality in the 1980's on area sewers; work that resulted in a problem that has been sticking in Kellett's craw for years.

Kellett, who suggested that the problem of standing water accumulating on McKnight Drive had impacted her during a difficult time in her life, also said that a number of concerns had been raised about the matter with little response or support. "There is a lot of excess water that would not have been there if not for the work that the township did and it should be rectified."

Kellett said that a lot of money had been spent by people in the area trying to clean things up and raise their properties. She said, "I don't know what you would think if it was on your property that you paid taxes on. As the situation stands, it is a mess."

She acknowledged that overall the Council was going a good job but said, "This has been my house since I was born over 75 years ago, and I feel that I'm being used by Council. I will leave the matter in your hands, but would appreciate you giving it some consideration."

Reeve Jim McMahon agreed to refer the issue to the municipality's road superintendent in the hopes that he could come up with a solution to include in the following year's budget.

Auditors Issue Clean Bill of Health

The municipal auditors were on hand at last week's Council meeting to provide the municipality's audited financial statements for 2009 and clear up, once and for all, the extent of the increase in taxation experienced by local ratepayers.

Actual revenues from taxation in 2008 were reported as \$4,571,732 and the actual amount of taxation in 2009 has now been reported at an amount of \$5,176,565 which equals a 13.23 percent increase overall from the previous year. Despite the increase in taxation, the auditors advised Council that the municipality is in a healthy cash position and that tax receivables were well below the provincial guidelines of 10 percent.

Referring to the year's surplus of over \$489,000 and comments that have been made that having a surplus is an indication of poor financial management, Reeve McMahon asked the auditors if a surplus was considered good or bad. The auditor responded that the municipality had made a 'nice recovery from the previous year,' adding that it was always preferable to have a surplus rather than being in a deficit position.

Committee of the Whole Meetings Cancelled

As a result of becoming a 'lame duck Council' with far less political power during the election process, Minden Hills' Committee of the Whole meetings originally scheduled for October 14th and November 11th have been cancelled.

While lame duck councils have been known to make unpopular decisions knowing they will not have to face the consequences of their actions, no substantive financial decisions can be made outside of the bounds of the approved budget. Many councils will decide to reduce the number of their meetings, given an inability to act and the wisdom of leaving decisions to the future council and such is the case in Minden Hills.

When Councillor Rick Ratcliff asked why the resolution had been brought forward, McMahon referred to the Council's lame duck status, but confirmed that should action be required on Canadian Tire's site plan agreement as the only large outstanding item, a special meeting would be called.

Councillor Barbara Reid commented that her understanding of the lame duck status was that Council could not make decisions linked to any major financial expense, but that the rest of the work of Council would carry on. "Why cancel meetings that deal with the rest of the business of the municipal corporation?"

Acknowledging that a special meeting would likely be required, the Council voted to cancel their Committee of the Whole meetings and consolidate all the business into one monthly Council meeting. ■



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This is the first in a three-part series about swimming pools in Haliburton County

First the Cardiff Pool

Public swimming pool for Haliburton County: the right choice?

The Cardiff pool... circa 1957 or thereabouts...

Did you know Cardiff has a swimming pool? Reactions to that statement in Minden Hills and Dysart et al have included: "Wow, are you kidding? That's amazing."; "That must be the best-kept secret in the county."; "What swimming pool in Cardiff?"; "I think I'd heard that, but I'm not sure."; "What? Cardiff? Has a pool?"

"Yes, we sure do," confirmed Brittany Ellis, administrative assistant to the Environmental/Property Supervisor in Highlands East. "We have an outdoor pool."

The Cardiff pool is open for eight weeks throughout July and August and offers swimming lessons, open swims and adult swims – and they have four seasonal lifeguards on staff.

"The pool was built back in the 1950s when the township was first established," Ellis said. "It's still used quite a bit by the younger students and the seniors for the adult swims." Ellis said, adding that Point in Time also used the pool this last summer for a day camp program. And like many others who grew up in Cardiff, Ellis did take swimming lessons at the pool.

Irene Cook, Highlands East clerk, said building the pool didn't cost the municipality anything – it was built by the former uranium mine for its workers and their families.

"Cardiff is a little town site with 250 or so houses," Cook said. "We have playgrounds and an ice rink and the pool – this is a nice little community area."

Cook moved to the area from Ajax in 1981, just before she gave birth to twins. When asked if they used the pool, Irene said, "Oh, my goodness, yes."

"When we first moved up it was summer, and I kept watching these kids going up and down the street on their bikes and I couldn't figure out where they were going. One of the ladies said, 'Why don't you follow them?' and so one day I did and that's when I found out that we had the pool – that's where they were all going."

Cook said that with all the lakes around, water safety and swimming lessons were important to her and so both of her children learned to swim in the Cardiff pool – and her son ended up working at the pool all through high school.

"It's so great," Cook said. "I've enjoyed it for years. It's like having your own pool – but you don't have to do all the work."

Cook is convinced that having the pool has helped to build a sense of community in Cardiff.

"You get to know your neighbours there and lots of parents are there watching their kids and watching others. It's a very nice pool and there's a new playground set there now too."

Cook said the pool has also contributed to a healthier, more active lifestyle for Cardiff residents.

"It helps to keep people active, whether they're young or old," Cook said. "It's activity, it's entertainment and it's great for building family connections – and the pool gives the kids something to do. Summer is a long time for some kids to not go to school. The pool gives them a structured time during their lessons in the morning and then they have the open swim to just be with their friends in the afternoons."

Glen Covert is Environmental/Property Supervisor in Highlands East – meaning, he's the guy responsible for the pool. He said the Cardiff pool is 40 feet by 90 feet in size, eight feet in the deep end and four feet in the shallow. When asked if the pool gets much use, Covert said those numbers are actually going up.

"Oh, yeah, it's actually been getting busier the last couple of summers – busier than normal."

Covert also broke down the numbers for how much the pool costs the municipality each year.

"The pool costs us approximately \$10,000 – that's for operating costs only – capital is over and above that," Covert said. Operating costs includes minor repairs and painting, etc.

"It also costs us about \$14,000 in wages for the two months," Covert said the pool currently needs a new deck – which is made from cement – and that will be a capital expenditure. When asked how much that was going to cost to replace, Covert said he'd rather not say at this stage

"We're not sure yet, what we're going to do with that," Covert said.

Covert was also able to break down some numbers of people using the pool - 54 people took swimming lessons at the pool last summer, and there was on average 20 to 25 kids using the pool every day during the afternoon open swim.

"It runs at a loss, but it's a good thing to have here," Covert said. "It keeps kids occupied and off the streets so they're not causing damage to people's property."

Former Highlands East Deputy Reeve, Bill Howe, confirmed that the pool in Cardiff was built back in the late '50s – around the same time as the town site, '56 or '57. The area was at that time known as an 'improvement district' and Howe says that section of land was run by a board of trustees who were appointed by the province.

"The mine built the houses and then rented them back to the miners – their workers," Howe said. "The swimming pool was built around the same time for the people and their kids. Yeah, that was the uranium mine."

Howe said the mine closed in 1964 and the houses in the settle-

ment were put up for sale, and it wasn't until 1980 that Cardiff received township status. When Howe was told about the idea of building a pool/recreation complex in Dysart, he snorted.

"Ridiculous," Howe said. "Who's going to use it? There's no way that's going to work. It's a waste of money. They need to take a long hard look at that idea before they go ahead with it."

Howe also reminded that there are four municipalities in Haliburton County.

"Outside of Dysart, they're going to get some opposition," Howe said. "They'll probably say, 'Get outta here Charlie.' They should go talk to Bancroft and see how they're doing with that idea."

Howe said he's afraid the pool would become a "white elephant" as pools have in other municipalities.

"It's not the building of it – that's cheap – it's the operation costs that kill you," Howe said. "I wish them luck. It's always like that at the beginning, everybody's gung ho, but then they say, 'We didn't think it was going to cost that much to run it.'"

As far as the Cardiff pool is concerned, Howe said it's great, because the municipality didn't have to pay for it, and it's only operational eight weeks a year.

"Yeah, my kids learned to swim in that pool and my wife still uses it," Howe said. "But you can't let it cost you an arm and a leg – in the end, there's only one taxpayer in the world."

Darlene Thomas is one of three members of the Cardiff Recreation Committee – and she loves the pool.

"It's wonderful to have a pool," Thomas said. "I don't know what most of the kids would do around here if we didn't have it."

Thomas also pointed out that is was important for kids to learn how to swim – especially with all the lakes around.

When told that many people don't know that Cardiff even has a pool, Thomas wasn't surprised.

"A lot of people don't realize we have a pool here. That's sad. Since amalgamation, it's their pool too."

When told that a swimming pool/recreation complex has become an election issue in Dysart, Thomas was upset.

"I have a real problem with that," Thomas said. "Our Cardiff pool is open to everyone, but when you get into building complexes then you get into selling memberships, so then the rich can go to the complex, but the poor can't go."

Thomas sighed. "It seems everybody wants a pool, and we're just so lucky to have ours. It's affordable for everyone. Kids pay just \$2 a day to swim. We're really grateful for what we have here in Cardiff." ■

Next week, we'll look at the ideas associated with building a pool complex in Dysart.

Local playwright honoured with inclusion in anthology

Theatre Ontario has honoured local playwright Michael Fay with the inclusion of his play 'Never Such Innocence Again' in a new anthology to be published and launched in 2011.

The anthology titled 'Grassroots: Original Plays from Ontario Community Theatres' will be published by Playwrights Canada Press and is a collection of five full-length plays.

Fay's 'Never Such Innocence Again' was first produced by the Highlands Little Theatre in Haliburton in 2005, and offers a drama set in the summer of 1914 featuring the members of two families who watch as the Great War unfolds. Within the play, five young people consider their responses to the events around them and the audience is given a glimpse into their future.

"'Never Such Innocence Again' was a life-changing experience for me when it was produced by Highlands Little Theatre in 2005. The play was a deep emotional expression of my struggle for peace, brought to life through a piece of 'lost history' in the Highlands," Fay said.

"Theatre Ontario's selection of the play... means that that the play might continue to live. I hope theatre groups across Canada will consider producing 'Never Such Innocence Again' as a way for young and old to think deeply about the complex issues involved in war and peace."

'Grassroots' will be launched at the Theatre Ontario Festival on May 18, 2011, marking the 40th anniversary of Theatre Ontario. There were 38 plays submitted for consideration to the selection committee, all of them premiered in their local community by an amateur company.

The other four plays included in the 'Grassroots' anthology include: '\$38,000 For a Friendly Face' by Kristin Shepherd, North Bay; 'Hamish' by Michael Grant, Elmira; 'Staff Room' by Joan Burrows, Richmond Hill; and 'A Year in Edna's Kitchen' by Sandy Conrad, Kincardine. ■

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Haliburton Real Easy Ryders donate to health services

■ By: Mark Arike - Reporter



Haliburton Easy Ryders present cheque to Dale Walker and Jim Mitchell

About 50 cyclists with the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders cycling club started their Tuesday morning ride a little bit differently.

The riders gathered at the West Guilford Recreation Centre to present Dale Walker, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), and board member Jim Mitchell with a \$500 cheque.

"Haliburton Highlands Health Services has identified about \$140,000 worth of equipment needed for the local health care facilities, and we've [HHHSF] agreed to fund it," said Walker, listing items like ventilators, heart monitors and blood pressure cuffs as examples of what will be purchased.

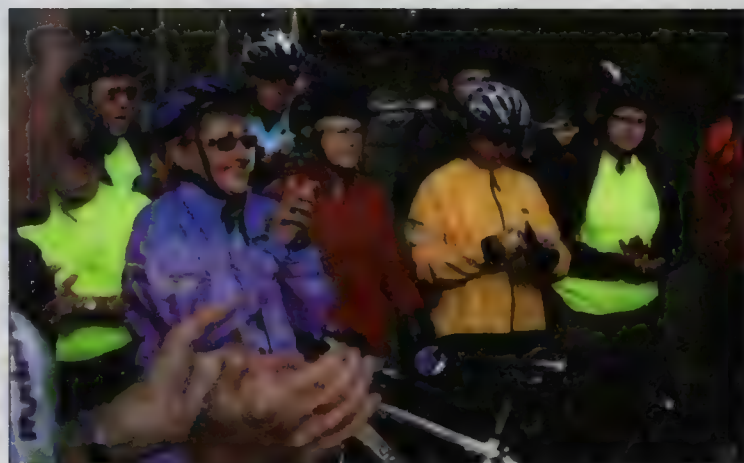
The funds became available to the Ryders – a not-for-profit group – after they participated in Minden's 150 Sesquicentennial bike tour in August 2009.

"Since we volunteered in the running of the bike ride, we were able to get part of the proceeds," said club president Bert Kennedy.

In addition to their recent contribution to the HHHSF, the riders have contributed \$250 to the Share the Road Cycling Coalition and purchased 10 bike helmets for students in a riding program at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

With a current membership of 130 (mostly those 50 plus, but open to all), the Real Easy Ryders donate to causes whenever possible and also strive to promote recreational cycling.

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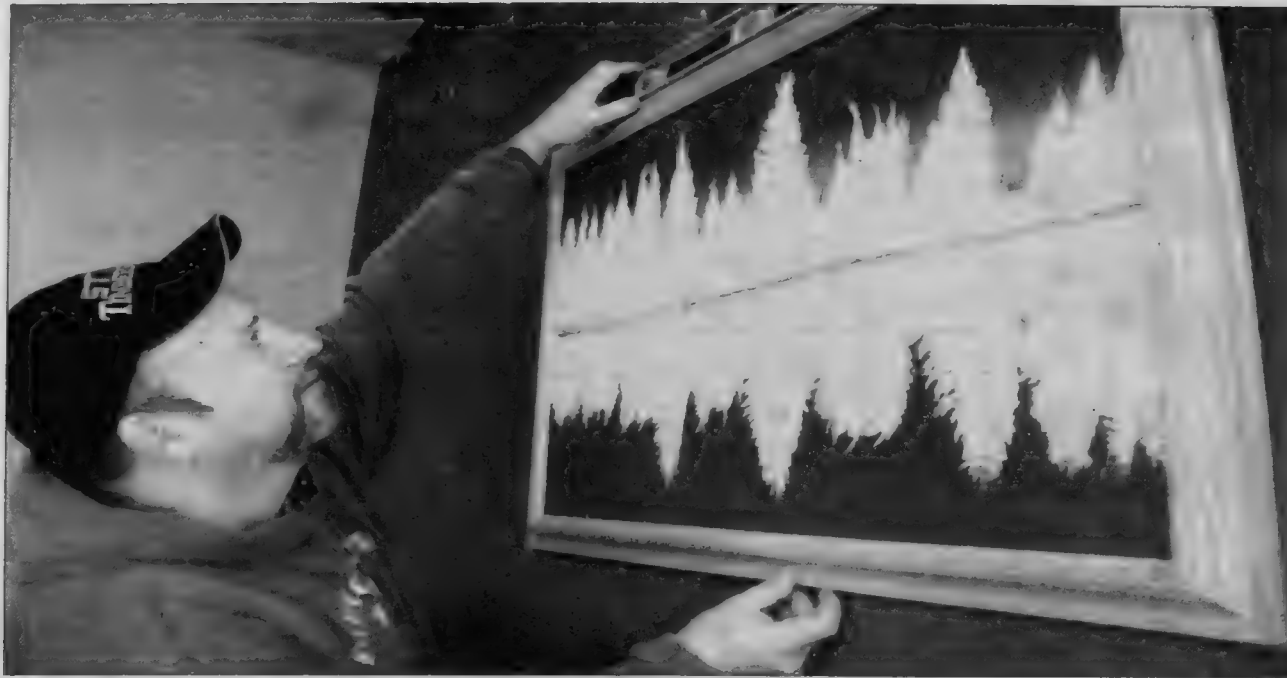
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Eat Your 'Art Out launches



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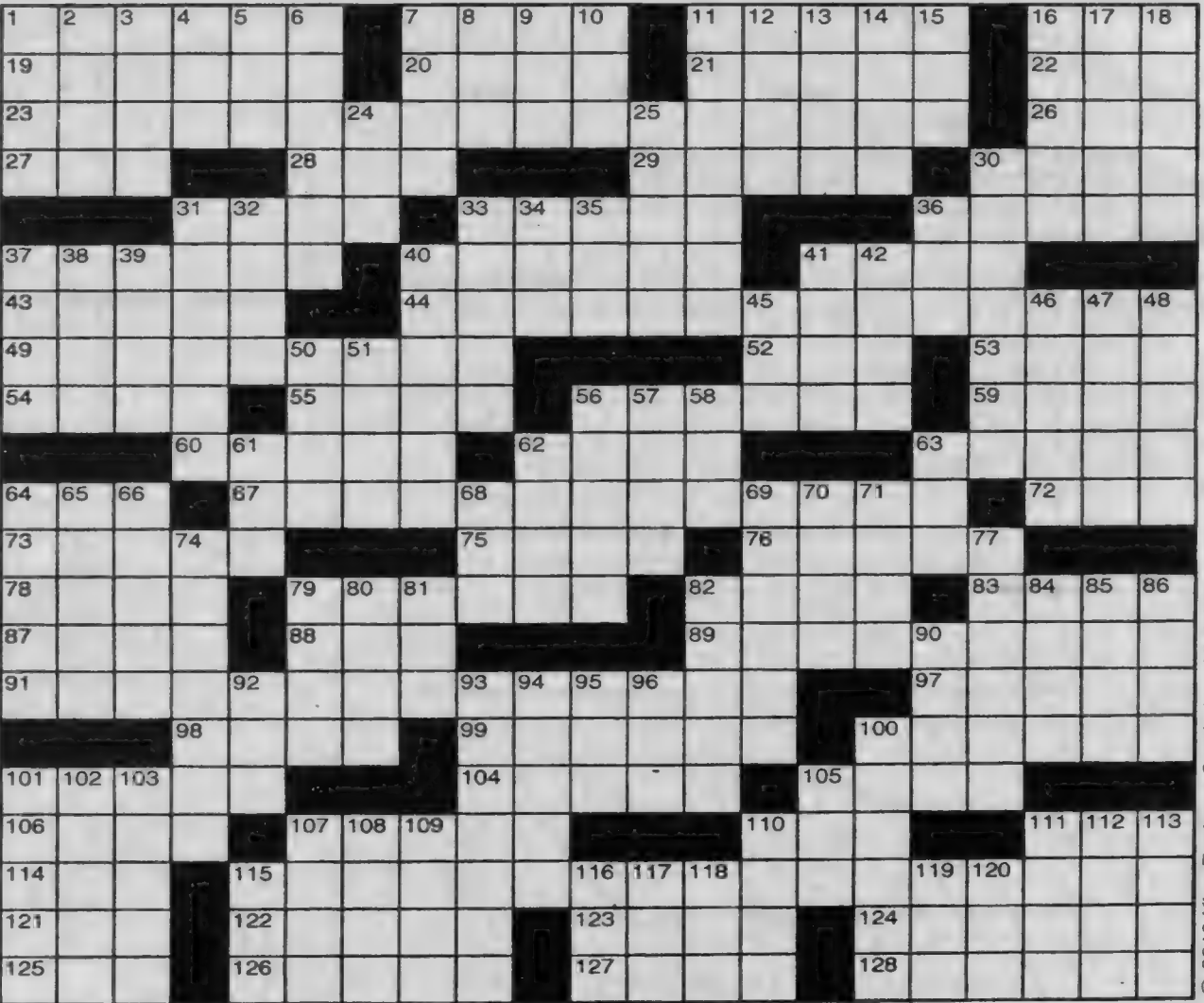
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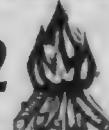
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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

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Migratory Mismatch

European researchers say that climate change is happening so quickly that migratory birds are not keeping up with the earlier arrival of spring. They warn that a resulting “ecological mismatch” could be the main reason the birds’ populations are declining. Long-distance migratory species are the most impacted, according to Nicola Saino of the University of Milan. His study of the spring arrival of 117 species over the past 50 years indicates that the birds are now missing the best period in which to breed. Spring is arriving an average of 11 days earlier than it did 30 years ago across much of Europe. “Peaks in food abundance, such as insects, are very narrow in northern latitudes; so if you arrive too late and miss the peak, then you miss the best opportunity to raise your offspring,” Saino writes.

Irrigation Improvidence

A new study shows that the use of groundwater around the world has more than doubled in recent decades, threatening famine and chaos once it eventually becomes depleted. Marc Bierkens of the Netherlands’ Utrecht University says his findings indicate that so much water is being taken out of the ground, evaporated and transported to the oceans through precipitation and runoff that it actually accounts for about 25 percent of the annual rise in sea level across the planet. “If you let the population grow by extending the irrigated areas using groundwater that is not being recharged, then you will run into a wall at a certain point in time, and you will have hunger and social unrest to go with it,” warns Bierkens. Groundwater depletion rates are highest in northwest India, north-eastern China, northeast Pakistan, California’s Central Valley and the American Midwest, according to the study.

Bolivian Conflagrations

Bolivia’s worst drought in 30 years has sparked nearly 50,000 wildfires over the past few months, creating health problems and even disrupting air traffic. “The drought has kindled these massive, widespread blazes and estimates tell us they will continue until December,” Bolivian Forest and Lands Authority president Cliver Rocha told state media. President Evo Morales and several government officials have said that some of the fires were intentionally ignited, but blame climate change for the conditions that allowed them to spread to such a great extent. Neighboring Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina also have experienced drought-enhanced wildfires over the past few months, which have generated a huge pall of smoke over a broad swath of South America.

Tropical Cyclones

Tropical Storm Matthew roared ashore along the Nicaragua-Honduras border, then drenched parts of Mexico that were still reeling from Hurricane Karl’s deluge. The combined rainfall is being blamed for a massive landslide in Mexico’s Chiapas state that buried hundreds of homes.

- Tropical Storm Nicole killed 9 in Jamaica before drenching Cuba, the Bahamas and Florida. Hurricane Lisa formed briefly in the Atlantic.

Earthquakes

One person was killed and three others were injured by a strong quake in southwest Iran’s Fars province. Some older buildings collapsed during the 6.1 magnitude shaking.

- Earth movements were also felt in Japan’s Honshu Island, northern New Zealand, Indonesia’s Papua province, interior Alaska, central Nebraska and parts of New England.

Fatal Blizzards

Brutal late-winter snowstorms across southern New Zealand have killed more than half of all the new lambs born this season. Federated Farmers president Don Nicolson told Newstalk ZB radio at least 500,000 lambs have perished. Many adult sheep have also succumbed to the blizzards, and dairy farmers say their milk production has plummeted as well. The most recent blizzard came at the height of lambing season. Farmers said there was little they could do to save their flocks since moving sheep when they’re lambing brings the danger of smothering and other conditions that could prove fatal. They say they’re hoping for a rapid snowmelt.

Monkey vs. Monkey

Indian authorities have deployed a contingent of 38 langurs, a large breed of monkey, to help police protect spectators and contestants at the Commonwealth Games from more troublesome monkeys. “People who are coming from outside the country should not face any problems because of the monkeys. These langurs have been deployed for their safety so that the Games go on unhindered,” langur trainer Pramod Kumar told NDTV. Wild monkeys freely roam the streets of India, sometimes attacking humans and raiding public buildings. In 2007, the deputy mayor of New Delhi died after he fell from his balcony during an attack by wild monkeys. About 25 other people were wounded when a monkey went on a rampage in the capital. Langurs are common across south Asia. They are often used to keep other simians in check in public places because of their larger size and dominant nature.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You are always there for others, and sometimes you need to be reminded that you need to be there for yourself as well.

ARIES

(March 21 to April 19) Some flashes of Aries ire might erupt as you confront an unusually bewildering situation. But you should be able to keep your temper under control as you work through it.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20) That marriage 'twixt the arts and practicality that Taureans excel at once again highlights your enjoyment of much of the week. However, you need to watch any sudden urge to splurge.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20) Even with all the plusses apparently outweighing the minuses, you still might want to defer an important decision to make sure you have all the facts you need.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22) One or two problems might threaten to derail otherwise smoothly running situations at work or at home. But a few well-placed words should help get things back on track quickly.

LEO

(July 23 to August 22) This could be a good time for all you Leos and Leonas in the spotlight to open your generous Lion's hearts and share the glory with those who helped you accomplish so much along the way.

VIRGO

(August 23 to September 22) You might want to get advice from someone who's been there and knows these situations better than you do, before investing time or money (or both) in a questionable matter.

LIBRA

(September 23 to October 22) Be careful how you handle a workplace matter that seems out of place in the schedule you've prepared. Before you act, one way or another, find out who set it up and why.

SCORPIO

(October 23 to November 21) Your entertainment aspect is strong this week. Besides providing a wonderful break from everyday obligations, sharing fun times brings you closer to those you care for.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 22 to December 21) Having a weekend fun fest? Your friend or relative who's down in the emotional dumps could perk up if you find a way to include him or her in your plans.

CAPRICORN

(December 22 to January 19) If you're in one of those "the Goat knows best" periods, you might want to ease up and try listening to what others have to say. You could learn something.

AQUARIUS

(January 20 to February 18) That new challenge is getting closer, and you should be out there now showing facts and figures to potential allies to help persuade them to rally to your support. Good luck.

PISCES

(February 19 to March 20) Getting a head start on holiday plans could help free up some time later to spend on other projects. Meanwhile, a colleague has some ideas that you might find worth discussing.

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